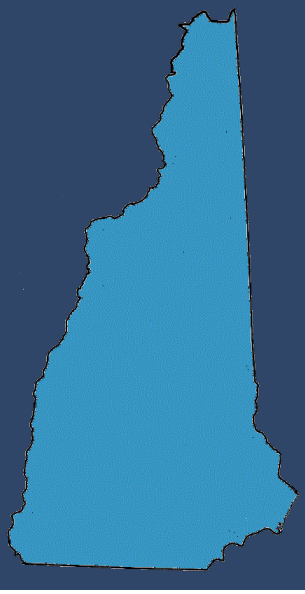

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NH Quick Chess Championship

Portsmouth - May 2, 2015

NM Tim Sage of Massachusetts and Dan Cooper of Connecticut tied for first with 6.5/8 at the New Hampshire Quick Chess Championship in Portsmouth, NH. NM Hal Terrie scored 6/8 to become our sole Quick Chess Champion. John Elmore, Robb Stewart, and Josh Cote split the U2000 prize with 5/8, and Jason Havener won the U1600 prize with 4.5/8.

Hal Terrie accepting the Championship trophy from TD Alex Relyea

Receiving checks…

Tim Sage

John Elmore

Robb Stewart

Josh Cote

Jason Havener

Manchester May IM Norm

Manchester - May 7 - 11, 2015

WFM Akshita Gorti earned a last-round draw against FM Sean Vibbert to score 4/9 and earn her first WIM norm at the Manchester May IM Norm tournament. IM David Vigorito, Mika Brattain, and Nasir Akylbekov each scored 5.5/9 to split the prizes. IA Tracey Vibbert from Indiana was chief TD.

From left to right: Nicolas Checa, David Vigorito, Nasyr Akylbekov, Denis Shmeliov, Movses Movsisyan, Alex Relyea, Yuanling Yuan, Tracey Vibbert, Sean Vibbert, Jean Hebert, Akshita Gorti, and Mika Brattain

		Rtng	Perf		Score											TB
					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0		
1	Vigorito,David	2422	-53		*	½	1	1	½	½	1	½	½	0	5.5/9	25.75
2	Akylbekov,Nasyr	2228	+161		½	*	½	½	1	1	½	0	½	1	5.5/9	23.50
3	Brattain,Mika	2344	+32		0	½	*	½	½	1	0	1	1	1	5.5/9	22.50
4	Hebert,Jean	2381	-47		0	½	½	*	½	½	½	½	1	1	5.0/9	
5	Shmeliov,Denis	2411	-120		½	0	½	½	*	½	½	1	0	1	4.5/9	18.75
6	Vibbert,Sean	2312	-10		½	0	0	½	½	*	½	½	1	1	4.5/9	18.00
7	Movsisyan,Movses	2233	+39		0	½	1	½	½	½	*	½	½	0	4.0/9	19.25
8	Gorti,Akshita	2080	+209		½	1	0	½	0	½	½	*	0	1	4.0/9	17.50
9	Checa,Nicolas	2349	-89		½	½	0	0	1	0	½	1	*	½	4.0/9	17.25
10	Yuan,Yuanling	2270	-129		1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	½	*	2.5/9	

Akylbekov,Nasyr (2228) - Shmeliov,Denis (2411) [B14]

May IM Norm, Manchester, NH (1), 2015-05-07

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nf3 Bb4 7.a3 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 0-0 9.c5 b6 10.cxb6 axb6 11.Bf4 Nc6 12.Bb5 Na5 13.Ne5 Ba6 14.a4 Bxb5 15.axb5 Qe8 16.Qd3 Rc8 17.0-0 Ne4 18.f3 Rxc3 19.Qe2 Nf6 20.Bd2 Rc2 21.Qd3 Rxd2 22.Qxd2 Nb3 23.Qb4 Nxa1 24.Rxa1 g6 25.Ra7 Kg7 26.Nc6 h6 27.Qd6 Kh7 28.Qe5 Nh5 29.g4 Ng7 30.Qf6 e5 31.dxe5 Qe6 32.Nd4 Qc8 33.Nc6 Qe6 34.Rb7 d4 35.Qxe6 Nxe6 36.Rxb6 d3 37.Kf2 Nf4 38.Ke1 h5 39.Rb8 Rxb8 40.Nxb8 hxg4 41.fxg4 Ne6 42.Nd7 1-0

Gorti,Akshita (2080) - Yuan,Yuanling (2270) [A83]

May IM Norm, Manchester, NH (1), 2015-05-07

1.d4 f5 2.e4 fxe4 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Nc6 5.d5 Ne5 6.Qe2 c6 7.0-0-0 cxd5 8.f4 Nf7 9.Bxf6 gxf6 10.Nxd5 e6 11.Qxe4 f5 12.Qe3 Be7 13.Nxe7 Qxe7 14.Qc3 a6 15.Be2 Rg8 16.Bf3 d5 17.Re1 Qd6 18.Qd4 Kf8 19.Ne2 Bd7 20.Qd2 Rc8 21.Nd4 b5 22.Re2 b4 23.Rhe1 Rg6 24.Bh5 Rf6 25.Bxf7 Kxf7 26.Nf3 Kg7 27.Re5 a5 28.g4 fxg4 29.Rg1 a4 30.Rxg4+ Kh8 31.Reg5 b3?

Spot The Tactic #1

32.Qd4 Qe7 33.axb3 axb3 34.c3 Rcf8 35.Ne5 Be8 36.Rg7 Qd6

Spot The Tactic #2 (mate in 4)

37.Nc4 Qd8 38.R7g5 Bg6 39.Ne5 Qa5 40.Nxg6+ hxg6 41.Rxg6 Qa1+ 42.Kd2 Qxb2+ 43.Ke1 Qc1+ 44.Kf2 Qc2+ 45.Kg3 1-0

Hebert,Jean (2381) - Checa,Nicolas (2349) [A11]

May IM Norm, Manchester, NH (1), 2015-05-07

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 Bg4 4.c4 c6 5.Ne5 Be6 6.cxd5 Bxd5 7.Nf3 c5 8.Nc3 Bc6 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.a3 e5 11.Rb1 a5 12.e3 c4 13.b3 b5 14.bxc4 bxc4 15.Ng5 Bxg2 16.Kxg2 Nc5 17.Qf3 Rc8 18.Rb5 h6 19.Nge4 Nfxe4 20.Nxe4 Nd3 21.Qf5 Be7 22.Rxe5 Nxe5 23.Qxe5 0-0 24.Bb2 f6 25.Qf5 Rb8 26.Bc3 Bxa3 27.Bxa5 Qd3 28.Bc3 Bb2 29.Qe6+ Kh8 30.Nc5 Qe2 31.Nd7 Rfe8 32.Qf7 Bxc3 33.Nxb8 Rxb8 34.dxc3 Qd3 35.Qa7 Rb3 36.Qd4 Qxc3 37.Rd1 Qxd4 38.Rxd4 Rc3 39.h4 Kg8 40.h5 Rc2 41.Kf3 c3 42.g4 Kf7 43.Rd7+ Kf8 44.Rc7 Kg8 45.Kg3 Kf8 46.f3 Rc1 47.Kf4 c2 48.Ke4 Ke8 49.Kf5 Rf1 50.Rxc2 Rxf3+ 51.Kg6 Rxe3 52.Rc8+ Kd7 53.Rg8 Ke7 54.Rxg7+ Kf8 55.Rf7+ Kg8 56.Rxf6 Re4 57.Kf5 Ra4 58.Rxh6 Kg7 59.Re6 Ra5+ 60.Re5 Ra7 61.Kg5 Kh7 62.h6 Ra6 63.Re7+ Kg8 64.Kh5 Rb6 65.g5 Ra6 66.g6 Ra5+ 67.Kg4 Ra4+ 68.Kf5 Ra5+ 69.Kf6 Ra6+ 70.Re6 Ra8 71.Rd6 Re8 72.Rd7 Kh8 73.Kf7 Rf8+ 74.Ke7 Rg8 75.Rd8 Rxd8 76.Kxd8 1-0

Movsisyan,Movses (2233) - Vibbert,Sean (2312) [B47]
May IM Norm, Manchester, NH (1), 2015-05-07
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be2 a6 7.0-0 b5 8.Nxc6 dxc6 9.f4 Nf6 10.Bf3 Bc5+ 11.Kh1 e5 12.fxe5 Qxe5 13.g3 Bh3 14.Bf4 Qe6 15.e5 Rd8 16.Qe1 Nd5 17.Ne4 Be7 18.Ng5 Bxg5 19.Bxg5 Bxf1 20.Bxd8 Bh3 21.Ba5 0-0 22.Qe2 f6 23.c4 bxc4 24.exf6 Qxf6 25.Bg2 Bxg2+ 26.Kxg2 Qg6 27.Qxc4 Kh8 28.Bd2 Re8 29.Rf1 h6 30.Rf3 a5 31.h4 Qe6 32.b3 Qe5 33.Qxc6 Qe2+ 34.Rf2 Qe4+ 35.Kh2 Kh7 36.Qc4 Qxc4 37.bxc4 Nf6 38.Kg2 Ng4 39.Rf4 Re2+ 40.Kf3 Rxd2 41.Rxg4 Rxa2 42.Ke3 a4 43.c5 Rc2 44.Rxa4 ½-½

Vigorito,David (2422) - Brattain,Mika (2344) [A11]
May IM Norm, Manchester, NH (1), 2015-05-07
1.c4 c6 2.Nf3 d5 3.g3 Bg4 4.Bg2 e6 5.0-0 Nd7 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Nc3 Bc5 8.Qb3 Qb6 9.Qc2 Bd6 10.d3 Ne7 11.e4 0-0 12.Bg5 Qa5 13.a3 Bxf3 14.b4 Qa6 15.Bxf3 d4 16.Na4 h6 17.Bd2 b6 18.Rab1 Rad8 19.Be2 Qc8 20.f4 b5 21.Nc5 Nxc5 22.bxc5 Bc7 23.g4 f6 24.Qb3+ Kh7 25.f5 Be5 26.Kg2 Qc7 27.h4 Bg3 28.g5 Bxh4 29.Bf4 Qd7 30.g6+ Kh8 31.Qb2 Nxf5 32.exf5 Qxf5 33.Bd6 Qxg6+ 34.Kh1 Rfe8 35.Bf3 Qxd3 36.Rbd1 Qg6 37.Qxd4 Bg5 38.Rde1 Qf5 39.Kg2 Qc2+ 40.Rf2 Qg6 41.Rxe8+ Qxe8 42.Qe4 Qf7 43.Re2 Bc1 44.Qf5 Bxa3 45.Bxc6 Qc4 46.Re7 Bb2 47.Be4 Qg8 48.Rxa7 Bd4 49.Rb7 1-0

Brattain,Mika (2344) - Akylbekov,Nasyr (2228) [A30]
May IM Norm, Manchester, NH (2), 2015-05-07
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 b6 3.Bg2 Bb7 4.c4 c5 5.0-0 e6 6.Nc3 Be7 7.b3 0-0 8.Bb2 d6 9.e3 Nbd7 10.Qe2 a6 11.Rfd1 Qc7 12.Rac1 Rac8 13.d4 Qb8 14.d5 e5 15.Ne1 Ne8 16.e4 Nc7 17.Nd3 Rce8 18.Nb1 Qd8 19.Nd2 Bf6 20.Kh1 g6 21.Rf1 Bg7 22.Bc3 a5 23.Rce1 f5 24.Qd1 fxe4 25.Nxe4 Nf6 26.Nxf6+ Bxf6 27.f3 Bc8 28.Nf2 Bg7 29.a3 Re7 30.Ne4 Bf5 31.Qd2 Ne8 32.Qb2 Ref7 33.b4 axb4 34.axb4 Bxe4 35.fxe4 Rxf1+ 36.Rxf1 Rxf1+ 37.Bxf1 Nf6 38.Bg2 Qc8 39.Qe2 Bh6 40.h3 Qa6 41.bxc5 bxc5 42.Kh2 Kf7 43.Be1 Qa1 44.Bf2 ½-½

Checa,Nicolas (2349) - Vigorito,David (2422) [A11]
May IM Norm, Manchester, NH (2), 2015-05-07
1.c4 c6 2.Nf3 d5 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 Bf5 5.cxd5 cxd5 6.Qb3 Nc6 7.Qxb7 Bd7 8.Qb3 e5 9.d3 Rb8 10.Qd1 Bb4+ 11.Nfd2 0-0 12.0-0 Qb6 13.Nc3 Be6 14.Na4 Qb5 15.a3 Be7 16.Nc3 Qc5 17.Na4 Qb5 18.b4 d4 19.Nb2 Nd5 20.Nbc4 a5 21.bxa5 Nc3 22.Qe1 Nxa5 23.a4 Qa6 24.Nxe5 Rfe8 25.e3 Bc5 26.Ba3 Bxa3 27.Rxa3 Qd6 28.Ra1 Qxe5 29.Nf3 Qf5 30.Nxd4 Qxd3 31.Ra3 Bb3 32.Qa1 Rec8 33.Bh3 Rc5 34.Rc1 Qxd4 35.Rxb3 Nxb3 36.exd4 Ne2+ 37.Kg2 Nxa1 38.Rxc5 Nxd4 39.a5 Nab3 40.Rc4 Ra8 41.a6 f5 42.Ra4 Ra7 43.Kh1 Kf7 44.Bf1 Ke6 45.Rb4 Kd6 46.h4 g6 47.Kg2 Kc5 48.Rb8 Na5 49.h5 Nac6 50.Rf8 gxh5 51.Kh3 Re7 52.Bd3 Ne5 53.Bxf5 Kb6 54.Bc8 Ng6 55.Rf6+ Ka7 56.Bb7 Ne6 57.Rf5 Nd8 58.Rxh5 Nxb7 59.axb7 Kxb7 60.f4 Kc6 61.Kg4 Kd7 62.Ra5 Ke8 63.Kg5 Kf7 64.f5 Nf8 65.g4 Rc7 66.Ra6 Kg7 67.Rb6 Nd7 68.Re6 Kf7 69.Rh6 Nf8 70.Rf6+ Kg7 71.Rb6 Rd7 72.Ra6 Kg8 73.Rc6 Rg7+ 74.Kh5 Nd7 75.g5 Rf7 76.Rc8+ Nf8 77.Kg4 Rb7 78.Kh5 Rb5 79.Kg4 Rd5 80.Ra8 Rd4+ 81.Kh5 Rf4 82.Ra5 Kf7 83.Ra7+ Kg8 84.Ra5 Kf7 85.Ra7+ Ke8 86.f6 Rd4 87.Kh6 Rd7 88.Rxd7 Kxd7 89.Kg7 Ke8 90.Kg8 Ne6 91.Kxh7 Nxg5+ 92.Kg6 Nf7 ½-½

Movsisyan,Movses (2233) - Hebert,Jean (2381) [C17]
May IM Norm, Manchester, NH (2), 2015-05-07
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 Ne7 5.Bd2 c5 6.Nb5 Bxd2+ 7.Qxd2 0-0 8.c3 Nbc6 9.f4 a6 10.Nd6 cxd4 11.cxd4 Nf5 12.Nxf5 exf5 13.Nf3 Be6 14.b4 Qb6 15.a3 f6 16.exf6 Rxf6 17.Rc1 Re8 18.Rc5 Nb8 19.Bd3 Nd7 20.Rc2 Bf7+ 21.Be2 Bh5 22.Ne5 Bxe2 23.Kxe2 Rfe6

24.Rhc1 Nf6 25.Rc8 Ne4 26.Qd3 Nd6 27.Rxe8+ Rxe8 28.Rc5 Ne4 29.Rxd5 Qe6 30.Rc5 Nxc5 31.dxc5 g6 32.Kf3 g5 33.Qc4 Qxc4 34.Nxc4 gxf4 35.Nd6 Re3+ 36.Kxf4 Rxa3 37.Nxb7 Kf7 38.Kxf5 Ke7 39.c6 Ra2 40.g4 Rxh2 41.Nc5 Kd6 42.Nxa6 Kxc6 43.Nc5 Rf2+ 44.Ke5 Kb5 45.g5 Rg2 46.Kf5 ½-½

Shmeliov,Denis (2411) - Gorti,Akshita (2080) [E32]

May IM Norm, Manchester, NH (2), 2015-05-07

1.d4 e6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 0-0 5.e4 d5 6.e5 Ne4 7.Bd3 c5 8.Nf3 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Nd7 10.Bf4 Ndc5 11.0-0 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Bd7 13.Be2 Na4 14.cxd5 exd5 15.f3 Nexc3 16.Bd3 h6 17.Qd2 Re8 18.Kh1 Rc8 19.Rae1 Qh4 20.Bf5 Rcd8 21.Bc2 Be6 22.g3 Qh3 23.g4 b5 24.Rg1 Rc8 25.Rg3 Qh4

26.Kg2 (26.g5! g6 27.gxh6 Kh7 28.Bg5 +-) 26…Rc4 27.Bb3 Qe7 28.Bxc4 dxc4 29.Nf5 Qf8 30.Bxh6 gxh6 31.Nxh6+ Kh7 32.Rh3 1-0

Vibbert,Sean (2312) - Yuan,Yuanling (2270) [B26]

May IM Norm, Manchester, NH (2), 2015-05-07

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 d6 6.Be3 Nf6 7.h3 0-0 8.Qd2 Re8 9.f4 Rb8 10.Nf3 b5 11.0-0 b4 12.Ne2 Qc7 13.g4 Nd7 14.Rab1 Qa5 15.f5 Nde5 16.Nxe5 dxe5 17.Ra1 Ba6 18.b3 Rbd8 19.a3 Qb5 20.a4 Qa5 21.Qe1 Nd4 22.Nxd4 cxd4 23.Bd2 Qc5 24.Ra2 Rb8 25.Qh4 Bb7 26.a5 Bc6 27.Bf3 Rb5 28.a6 Rb6 29.Bd1 Bb5 30.Ra5 Qd6 31.Qe1 Bc6 32.Qf2 Rf8 33.Qg3 Rfb8 34.g5 Bb5 35.h4 Rxa6 36.Rxa6 Bxa6 37.h5 Bb5 38.h6 Bf8 39.fxg6 fxg6 40.Bg4 e6 41.Bxb4 Qb6 42.Qxe5 1-0

Akylbekov,Nasyr (2228) - Checa,Nicolas (2349) [C15]

May IM Norm, Manchester, NH (3), 2015-05-08

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.a3 Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 dxe4 6.Qg4 Nf6 7.Qxg7 Rg8 8.Qh6 Rg6 9.Qe3 Nc6 10.Bb2 Ne7 11.c4 Nf5 12.Qc3 b6 13.0-0-0 Bb7 14.d5 exd5 15.Qe5+ Ne7 16.cxd5 Qd6 17.c4 Qxe5 18.Bxe5 0-0-0 19.f3 Nf5 20.Re1 Nd6 21.Bxd6 cxd6 22.fxe4 Re8 23.Nf3 b5 24.g3 bxc4 25.Bh3+ Kc7 26.Bf5 Rgg8 27.Nd4 Kb6 28.Rhf1 Kc5 29.Nc2 Re7 30.Kd2 Ng4 31.h3 Nf6 32.g4 h5 33.Kc3 hxg4 34.hxg4 Nxg4 35.Rg1 Nf6 36.Rxg8 Nxg8 37.Rd1 Nh6 38.Rd4

38…Ba6 (38…Nxf5 39.Rxc4+ Kb6 40.Rb4+ Kc7 41.exf5 Re5 -/+) 39.Bc8 Bb5 40.a4 a6 41.axb5 axb5 42.Ba6 f5 43.Bxb5 Kxb5 44.Na3+ Ka6 45.Nxc4 Rxe4 46.Rd1 Nf7 47.Ra1+ Kb7 48.Rf1 Kc7 49.Rxf5 Ne5 50.Nxe5 dxe5 51.Rf6 Rd4 52.Re6 Rxd5 53.Kc4 Ra5 54.Kd3 Kd7 55.Rh6 Ra4 56.Ke3 Ke7 57.Rb6 Kd7 ½-½

Gorti,Akshita (2080) - Brattain,Mika (2344) [A55]

May IM Norm, Manchester, NH (3), 2015-05-08

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 d6 3.Nc3 e5 4.Nf3 Nbd7 5.e4 Be7 6.Be2 0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.Be3 a6 9.d5 c5 10.Nd2 Ne8 11.f3 g6 12.a3 Ng7 13.b4 b6 14.Nb3 f5 15.Kh1 f4 16.Bf2 Nf6 17.Rb1 Nfh5 18.Qe1 Bd7 19.Nc1 Qe8 20.Nd3 g5 21.bxc5 bxc5 22.Bd1 Rf6 23.Nb2 Rb8 24.Ba4 Rxb2 25.Rxb2 Bxa4 26.Nxa4 Qxa4 27.Qc3 Qe8 28.Rfb1 Qg6 29.Rb8+ Rf8 30.R1b6 Rxb8 31.Rxb8+ Kf7 32.Rb6 Nf6 33.Bg1 g4 34.Qc2 Ngh5 35.Rb7 Ng3+ 36.hxg3 Qh6+ 0-1

Hebert,Jean (2381) - Vibbert,Sean (2312) [B22]

May IM Norm, Manchester, NH (3), 2015-05-08

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c3 d5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.d4 Nc6 6.Na3 cxd4 7.Nb5 Bd6 8.Bc4 Qe4+ 9.Be3 Bb8 10.cxd4 Nf6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Re1 a6 13.Nc3 Qf5 14.h3 Nb4 15.Bb3 b5 16.a3 Nbd5 17.Nxd5 Nxd5 18.Bc2 Nxe3 19.fxe3 Qh5 20.Be4 Ra7 21.Rc1 f5 22.Bb1 Bg3 23.Rf1 Bb7 24.Ba2 Qh6 25.Qe2 Bd5 26.Bb1 Raf7 27.Bd3 g5 28.Ne5 Bxe5 29.dxe5 f4 30.e4 f3 31.Qe3 Ba8 32.Rc2 Qg7 33.Rxf3 Rxf3 34.gxf3 Qxe5 35.Rg2 h6 36.h4 Qf4 37.Qxf4 Rxf4 38.hxg5 Rxf3 39.gxh6+ Kh7 40.Bc2 Rf4 41.Rg7+ Kxh6 42.Re7 Kg5 43.Rxe6 Rf6 44.Re5+ Kg4 45.Rc5 Rc6 46.Rxc6 ½-½

Vigorito,David(2422) - Movsisyan,Movses(2233) [A35]

May IM Norm, Manchester, NH (3), 2015-05-08

1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 g6 4.e3 Nf6 5.d4 cxd4 6.exd4 d5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qb3 Nxc3 9.Bc4 Nd5 10.Bxd5 e6 11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.0-0 Qd5 13.Qc3 Bg7 14.Bf4 0-0 15.Rfc1 Bb7 16.Qe3 Rfd8 17.Rc5 Qd7 18.Rd1 Qe7 19.Rdc1 Rac8 20.b4 Rd5 21.Bh6 Bh8 22.h4 Rcd8 23.Bg5 f6 24.Bf4 Rxc5 25.Rxc5 Rd5 26.g4 Rxc5 27.bxc5 Ba6 28.Bd6 Qe8 29.Nd2 h5 30.gxh5 gxh5 31.Kh2 Qf7 32.a4 Bg7 33.Qf3 f5 34.Qg3 Kh7 35.Nf3 Bf6 36.Be5 Be7 37.Bb8 Bf6 38.Be5 Be7 39.Bf4 Bf6 40.Bg5 Be2 41.Ng1 Bd1 42.Bxf6 Qxf6 43.Qf4 Bg4 44.f3 Qxh4+ 45.Kg2 Qe1

46.fxg4 (46.Qe5! Qxe5 47.dxe5 f4 48.Ne2! Bf5 49.Nd4 a5 50.Nxc6 Bc2 51.Nxa5 Bxa4 52.c6 Kg6 53.c7 Bd7 54.Nc4 Bc8 [54...Kf5 55.Nb6] 55.Nd6 Ba6 56.Kh3 Kg5 57.c8/Q Bxc8 58.Nxc8 Kf5 59.Kh4 Kxe5 60.Kxh5 results in a 6-piece tablebase win) 46…hxg4 47.d5 cxd5 48.c6

48…Qc3 (48…Kg6! 49.c7 e5! 50.c8/Q exf4 51.Qg8+ and white has to take the perpetual. Likewise, after 49.Qd6 Qe4+ it's black's turn to force the draw with unending checks.) 49.c7 Qc6 50.Ne2 d4+ 51.Kf2 d3 52.Nd4 Qc5 53.Ke1 Qb4+ 54.Kd1 Qxa4+ 55.Kd2 Qd7 56.Qh2+ Kg6 57.Qe5 Kh7 58.Nxe6 Qc6 59.Qf4 Qc5 1-0

Yuan,Yuanling (2270) - Shmeliov,Denis (2411) [A11]

May IM Norm, Manchester, NH (3), 2015-05-08

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 dxc4 5.0-0 Nbd7 6.Qc2 Nb6 7.Na3 Qd5 8.Nh4 Qe6 9.e4 g6 10.f4 Bg7 11.f5 Qe5 12.fxg6 Qd4+ 13.Kh1 hxg6 14.Qc3 Nh5 15.Nc2 Qd3 16.Qxd3 cxd3 17.Ne3 Nxg3+ 18.hxg3 g5 0-1

Brattain,Mika (2344) - Yuan,Yuanling (2270) [E60]

May IM Norm, Manchester, NH (4), 2015-05-08

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.b3 Bg7 4.Bb2 d6 5.d4 0-0 6.Bg2 c6 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.c4 Qa5 9.Nc3 e5 10.e4 b5 11.cxb5 cxb5 12.Re1 Bb7 13.a3 Rac8 14.b4 Qb6 15.d5 a6 16.Nd2 Qa7 17.Bf1 h5 18.Be2 Nb6 19.a4 bxa4 20.Nxa4 Nxa4 21.Rxa4 Bh6 22.b5 Qb6 23.Nc4 Qxb5 24.Ba3 Qd7 25.Nxd6 Rc3 26.Nxb7 Qxb7 27.Bxf8 Kxf8 28.Qb1 Rb3 29.Qc2 Rb4 30.Qc5+ 1-0

Checa,Nicolas (2349) - Gorti,Akshita (2080) [A20]

May IM Norm, Manchester, NH (4), 2015-05-08

1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 f5 4.d3 Nf6 5.a3 d6 6.Nc3 Be7 7.b4 a6 8.e3 0-0 9.Nge2 Qe8 10.Nd5 Bd8 11.0-0 Ne7 12.Nec3 Nexd5 13.Nxd5 c6 14.Nc3 Be6 15.Bb2 Bc7 16.Rc1 Rd8 17.Qc2 f4 18.exf4 exf4 19.Nd5 cxd5 20.Bxf6 Rxf6 21.cxd5 f3 22.Rfe1 Bb6 23.Bf1 Qf7 24.dxe6 Rxe6 25.Bh3 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Kh8 27.Be6 Qh5 28.Qd2 h6 29.Qf4 Re8 30.Re4 Qg5 31.Qxf3 Qd8 32.Bd5 Rf8 33.Rf4 Rxf4 34.Qxf4 Qf6 35.Qxf6 gxf6 36.Bxb7 a5 37.bxa5 Bxa5 38.Kg2 Kg7 39.g4 Bd2 40.a4 Kf7 41.Kf3 Ke6 42.Ke4 Bc3 43.Bc8+ Ke7 44.Kf5 Kf7 45.f3 Be1 46.Be6+ Ke7 47.Bd5 Bd2 48.Kg6 Bf4 49.h3 Bd2 50.Kg7 Be3 51.a5 Bd2 52.a6 Be3 53.Kg6 1-0

Hebert,Jean (2381) - Vigorito,David (2422) [D11]

May IM Norm, Manchester, NH (4), 2015-05-08

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 d5 3.c4 c6 4.e3 Bg4 5.h3 Bh5 6.Nc3 e6 7.Qb3 Qb6 8.Ne5 Nbd7 9.g4 Bg6 10.Nxg6 hxg6 11.g5 Ne4 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.h4 f5 14.Bg2 Qxb3 15.axb3 Bb4+ 16.Bd2 Bxd2+ 17.Kxd2 e5 18.Ke2 Ke7 19.b4 a6 20.Ra5 b6 21.Ra2 a5 22.Rha1 Rab8 23.bxa5 bxa5 24.Kf1 exd4 25.exd4 Rxh4 26.Rb1 Rb4 27.Rxa5 Rxc4 28.d5 Rf4 29.dxc6 Rxc6 30.Re1 Ke6 31.Ra7 Ne5 32.Rxg7 Rc2 33.Re2 Rc1+ 34.Re1 Rxe1+ 35.Kxe1 Nd3+ 36.Kf1 Rxf2+ 37.Kg1 Rxb2 38.Rxg6+ Ke5 39.Rg8 Ne1 40.Bh1 Kf4 41.g6 Kg3 42.Ra8 Nf3+ 0-1

Movsisyan,Movses (2233) - Akylbekov,Nasyr (2228) [C69]

May IM Norm, Manchester, NH (4), 2015-05-08

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.0-0 f6 6.d4 exd4 7.Nxd4 c5 8.Nb3 Qxd1 9.Rxd1 Bd7 10.Bf4 0-0-0 11.Nc3 Be6 12.Rxd8+ Kxd8 13.Rd1+ Kc8 14.Nd5 Bxd5 15.Rxd5 b6 16.Rd1 Ne7 17.Bg3 Nc6 18.Kf1 g6 19.c3 Bg7 20.f3 Re8 21.Kf2 Bh6 22.Nc1 c4 23.Ne2 b5 24.Bf4 Bxf4 25.Nxf4 Ne5 26.Rd2 g5 27.Nd5 Re6 28.h4 gxh4 29.Nf4 Rd6 30.Ke3 Kd7 31.Nd5 Kc6 32.Nb4+ Kc5 33.Rxd6 Kxd6 34.f4 Ng4+ 35.Kf3 Nh2+ 36.Ke2 a5 37.Nc2 Ng4 38.Nd4 b4 39.Nf5+ Kc5 40.Nxh4 Kb5 41.Nf5 bxc3 42.bxc3 h5 43.g3 c6 44.Kf3 Nh2+ 45.Ke3 Ka4

46.Kd4 (46.e5! Ng4+ 47.Kd4 fxe5+ 48.fxe5 c5+ [48..Nxe5 loses similarly, while 48...Ka3 meets with

49.e6 Nf6 50.Nd6 Kxa2 51.e7 Kb3 52.Ke5] 49.Kd5 Nxe5 [49...Ka3 50.e6 Nf6+ 51.Ke5 Ne8 52.e7 Kxa2 53.Nd6 Nc7 54.Nb5 Ne8 55.Ke6 etc.] 50.Kxe5 Ka3 51.Nd6 Kxa2 52.Nb5 Kb3 53.Kd5 and white's king cleans house then escorts the c-pawn while the knight gives itself for the wayward a-pawn) 46…Ka3 47.Kxc4 (The difference with the previous line is now, after 47.e5 fxe5+ 48.fxe5, the knight has the f3 square from which to check, and the white king cannot escape the perpetual 48...Nf3+ 49.Ke4 Ng5+ 50.Kd4 Nf3+ without giving up the pawn or allowing the winning blockade 50.Kf4? Ne6+) Kxa2 48.e5 fxe5 49.fxe5 Ng4 50.e6 a4 51.e7 Nf6 52.Nd4 a3 53.Nxc6 Kb2 54.Nb4 a2 55.Nxa2 Kxa2 56.Kb5 Nd5 57.e8N Nxc3+ 58.Kc4 Ne4 59.Ng7 Nxg3 60.Nxh5 Nxh5 ½-½

Vibbert,Sean (2312) - Shmeliov,Denis (2411) [B11]

May IM Norm, Manchester, NH (4), 2015-05-08

1.e4 c6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Nf3 Bg4 4.h3 Bxf3 5.Qxf3 e6 6.d3 Nd7 7.g3 d4 8.Nb1 Ne5 9.Qe2 c5 10.f4 Nc6 11.Bg2 Nf6 12.0-0 Be7 13.g4 e5 14.Nd2 Nd7 15.Nc4 b5 16.Nxe5 Ndxe5 17.fxe5 Nxe5 18.Rf5 Bd6 19.a4 b4 20.Bf4 Qe7 21.b3 0-0 22.Rf1 Rae8 23.Qf2 f6 24.Bxe5 Bxe5 25.h4 g6 26.Rf3 Kg7 27.Bh3 Bd6 28.Qg2 Qe5 29.R1f2 Bc7 30.Qf1 Bd6 31.Qg2 Rf7 32.Qf1 Ref8 33.Kh1 Bc7 34.Kg1 Bd6 35.Kh1 Rh8 36.Qg2 Bc7 37.Kg1 ½-½

Akylbekov,Nasyr (2228) - Hebert,Jean (2381) [B40]

May IM Norm, Manchester, NH (5), 2015-05-09

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e6 5.Nxc6 bxc6 6.Bd3 e5 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Nd2 Bc5 9.Nb3 Bb6 10.c4 Qe7 11.Qc2 h6 12.c5 Bc7 13.f4 a5 14.fxe5 Ng4 15.h3 Nxe5 16.Bf4 g6 17.Rad1 a4 18.Nd4 Ra5 19.b4 axb3 20.Nxb3 Ra7 21.Be2 f6 22.Rf2 Kf7 23.Be3 Qe6 24.Rdf1 Bd8 25.Bf4 Kg7 26.Nd4 Qe8 27.Qc3 h5 28.Qg3 Kh7 29.Bxe5 Qxe5 30.Qxe5 fxe5 31.Rf7+ Kh6 32.Nxc6 Rxa2 33.Bc4 Rc2 34.Nxe5 Bc7 35.Bb3 Rc3 36.Nxg6 Kxg6 37.R7f6+ Kg5 38.R6f5+ Kh4 39.Bd5 Ba6 40.Ra1 Bc4 41.Ra4 Rc1+ 42.Kf2 Rc2+ 43.Kg1 Rc1+ 44.Kf2 Rc2+ 45.Kg1 ½-½

Gorti,Akshita (2080) - Movsisyan,Movses (2233) [D11]

May IM Norm, Manchester, NH (5), 2015-05-09

1.d4 d5 2.c4 Bf5 3.Nc3 e6 4.Nf3 c6 5.Qb3 Qb6 6.c5 Qc7 7.Bf4 Qc8 8.Nh4 Be7 9.Nxf5 exf5 10.e3 Nf6 11.Bd3 0-0 12.h3 g6 13.0-0 Nbd7 14.Qc2 b6 15.b4 a5 16.a3 Ne4 17.f3 Nxc3 18.Qxc3 axb4 19.axb4 Rxa1 20.Rxa1 bxc5 21.bxc5 Nf6 22.Ra6 Qe6 23.Bb5 Rc8 24.Ba4 Nh5 25.Bd6 Bxd6 26.cxd6 Qxd6 27.Rxc6 Rxc6 28.Qxc6 Qb4 29.Qe8+ Kg7 30.Bc6 Qe1+ 31.Kh2 f4 32.Bxd5 Qg3+ 33.Kg1 fxe3 34.Qe5+ f6 35.Qe7+ Kh6 36.Qxe3+ Nf4 37.Qd2 g5 38.Be4 Nxh3+ 39.Kh1 Nf2+ 40.Kg1 Nh3+ 41.Kh1 Nf2+ 42.Kg1 Nh3+ ½-½

Shmeliov,Denis (2411) - Brattain,Mika (2344) [D17]

May IM Norm, Manchester, NH (5), 2015-05-09

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.Ne5 Nbd7 7.Nxc4 Nb6 8.Ne5 a5 9.e3 h6 10.Bd3 Bxd3 11.Nxd3 Nbd5 12.0-0 e6 13.Bd2 Nb4 14.Nxb4 Bxb4 15.Qb3 0-0 16.Rfd1 Qe7 17.Rac1 Rfd8 18.Nb1 Bd6 19.Na3 e5 20.Nc4 ½-½

Vigorito,David (2422) - Vibbert,Sean (2312) [A34]

May IM Norm, Manchester, NH (5), 2015-05-09

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 c5 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.e4 0-0 6.Nge2 e5 7.a3 Nc6 8.Rb1 d6 9.b4 Nd4 10.d3 Bg4 11.h3 Bxe2 12.Nxe2 Nd7 13.0-0 a5 14.bxc5 Nxe2+ 15.Qxe2 Nxc5 16.Be3 Qc7 17.Rb5 a4 18.Rfb1 Nb3 19.Qd1 Rfb8 20.h4 b6 21.Bd2 ½-½

Yuan,Yuanling (2270) - Checa,Nicolas (2349) [C16]

May IM Norm, Manchester, NH (5), 2015-05-09

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 Ne7 5.Bd2 b6 6.Qg4 Nf5 7.Bd3 h5 8.Qf4 g5 9.Qxg5 Qxg5 10.Bxg5 Nxd4 11.0-0-0

Nd7 12.f4 Be7 13.h4 Nc5 14.Bf1 Nf5 15.Rh3 a6 16.Nge2 Bb7 17.Nd4 Nxd4 18.Rxd4 Nd7 19.Rd2 c5 20.Ne2 Nf8 21.Ng3 Ng6 22.Rf2 Bxg5 23.hxg5 h4 24.Ne2 0-0-0 25.a4 d4 26.Ng1 Ne7 27.Nf3 Nf5 28.Bd3 Ne3 29.Rxh4 Bxf3 30.Rxh8 Rxh8 31.Rxf3 c4 32.Be2 Rh2 33.Rf2 Rh1+ 34.Kd2 Rb1 35.b3 b5 36.axb5 axb5 37.bxc4 bxc4 38.Bf3 Kc7 39.g4 Kb6 40.f5 exf5 41.gxf5 Nxf5 42.Bd5 Ng3 43.Rxf7 c3+ 44.Kd3 Rd1+ 45.Kc4 d3 46.g6 Nh5 47.Rf2 Rd2 48.Rf1 dxc2 49.Rc1 Re2 50.Kxc3 Rxe5 51.Bf7 Rc5+ 52.Kd2 Kc7 53.Bb3 Kd6 54.Bxc2 Ke7 55.Rf1 Rd5+ 56.Ke3 Nf6 57.Rg1 Re5+ 58.Kf4 Rc5 59.Rg2 Nh5+ 60.Ke3 Kf6 61.Rf2+ Kg5 62.Bd3 Kh6 63.Rf7 Ng7 64.Kf4 Ra5 ½-½

Checa,Nicolas (2349) - Shmeliov,Denis (2411) [D97]
May IM Norm, Manchester, NH (6), 2015-05-09
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Qb3 dxc4 6.Qxc4 0-0 7.e4 Na6 8.Be2 c5 9.d5 e6 10.0-0 exd5 11.exd5 Re8 12.Rd1 Bf5 13.d6 h6 14.Be3 Qb6 15.Na4 Qb4 16.Qxb4 Nxb4 17.Nxc5 Nc2 18.Rac1 b6 19.Nb3 Rad8 20.Nbd4 Nxe3 21.fxe3 Rxd6 22.Nxf5 Rxd1+ 23.Bxd1 gxf5 24.Bb3 Ng4 25.Rc7 Rxe3 26.Bxf7+ Kh7 27.h3 Ne5 28.Nh4 Re1+ 29.Kf2 Nd3+ 30.Kf3 Ne5+ 31.Kg3 f4+ 32.Kxf4 Rf1+ 33.Nf3 Rf2 34.Bb3 Nxf3 35.gxf3 Rxb2 36.Rxa7 Kg6 37.Rc7 Bd4 38.Rc6+ Kg7 39.Kf5 Rf2 40.Rc7+ Kf8 41.Rf7+ Ke8 42.Kg6 Rg2+ 43.Kh5 Be3 44.f4 Rg3 45.Rf6 Bd4 46.Re6+ Kd7 47.Re2 Rxh3+ 48.Kg6 Rg3+ 49.Kf5 Bc3 50.Re6 b5 51.Rxh6 Ke7 52.Re6+ Kf8 53.Rc6 b4 54.Rc7 Rg2 55.a4 Bd2 56.a5 1-0

Hebert,Jean (2381) - Gorti,Akshita (2080) [A46]
May IM Norm, Manchester, NH (6), 2015-05-09
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 e6 3.e3 b6 4.Bd3 Bb7 5.0-0 c5 6.c4 Be7 7.Nc3 cxd4 8.exd4 d6 9.Re1 0-0 10.d5 e5 11.Bf1 Nbd7 12.Rb1 Ne8 13.Nd2 f5 14.f4 Bf6 15.Nf3 g6 16.Be3 Ng7 17.Qd2 Re8 18.Rbd1 Ba6 19.b3 Rc8 20.fxe5 Nxe5 21.Nd4 Bb7 22.h3 Qd7 23.a4 Bh4 24.Bf2 Bxf2+ 25.Qxf2 Rc5 26.Re3 a5 27.Rde1 Rcc8 28.Ncb5 Ba6 29.Qa2 Rf8 30.Nxd6 Qxd6 31.Rxe5 Rce8 32.Qe2 Qc5 33.Qf2 Qd6 34.Nc6 Rxe5 35.Nxe5 Bb7 36.Nd3 Re8 37.Rxe8+ Nxe8 38.Qf4 Qxf4 39.Nxf4 Nd6 40.Bd3 Bc8 41.h4 Kf7 42.Kf2 h6 43.Ke3 g5 44.hxg5 hxg5 45.Ne2 Kf6 46.Kd4 Nb7 47.Bc2 Nc5 48.Nc3 Bd7 49.g3 Nb7 50.d6 Ke6 51.Nd5 Kxd6 52.Nxb6 Be6 53.Nd5 Bxd5 54.cxd5 f4 55.gxf4 gxf4 56.Bd3 Nc5 57.Bc4 Nd7 58.Ke4 ½-½

Movsisyan,Movses (2233) - Yuan,Yuanling (2270) [B75] May IM Norm, Manchester, NH (6), 2015-05-09
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 a6 8.Bc4 Nbd7 9.Bb3 h5 10.h4 b5

Spot The Tactic #3 (and refutation)

11.a4 bxa4 12.Nxa4 Bb7 13.Ne2 Qc7 14.Qd2 0-0 15.Nf4 Ne5 16.Nb6 Rab8 17.Nbd5 Nxd5 18.Nxd5 Bxd5 19.Qxd5 Rb5 20.Qd2 Nc4 21.Bxc4 Qxc4 22.b3 Qc6 23.Bd4 Bxd4 24.Qxd4 Qxc2 25.0-0 Rxb3 26.Rxa6 Rb2 27.Rf2 Qc1+ 28.Rf1 Qc2 29.Qf2 Qc3 30.Qg3 Qd4+ 31.Kh2 Rc8 32.Qg5 Qd3 33.Raa1 Rcc2 34.Kh1 Qe2 35.Rfc1 Qxg2+ 36.Qxg2 Rxg2 37.Ra7 Kf8 38.Rc8+ Kg7 39.Rcc7 Rgd2 40.Rc1 Kf6 41.f4 Rh2+ 42.Kg1 Rxh4 43.e5+ dxe5 44.fxe5+ Kxe5 45.Rxe7+ Kf6 46.Rcc7 Rg4+ 47.Kh1 Kg5 48.Rxf7 Rf4 49.Rc5+ Kg4 50.Rxf4+ Kxf4 51.Rc4+ Kg5 52.Rc5+ Kh6 53.Rc1 h4 54.Ra1 g5 55.Rc1

h3 56.Rc3 g4 57.Rc5 g3 58.Rc6+ Kg5 59.Rc5+ Kf4 60.Rc4+ Ke5 61.Rc1 Kd4 62.Ra1 Kc3 63.Re1 Kd2 64.Rg1 Rb3 65.Ra1 Kc2 0-1

Vibbert,Sean (2312) - Brattain,Mika (2344) [B24]

May IM Norm, Manchester, NH (6), 2015-05-09

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 e5 6.Be3 d6 7.f4 Nge7 8.Nf3 Nd4 9.0-0 0-0 10.fxe5 dxe5 11.Nd5 Nxd5 12.exd5 Bg4 13.c3 Nxf3+ 14.Bxf3 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 Qd6 16.Rab1 f5 17.b4 cxb4 18.Rxb4 b6 19.Ra4 Qd7 20.Rc4 Rad8 21.Bg5 Bf6 22.Bxf6 Rxf6 23.Rc6 Rxc6 24.dxc6 Qd6 25.g4 Qc5+ 26.Rf2 Qxc3 27.c7 Qxc7 28.gxf5 Qc1+ 29.Rf1 Qg5+ 30.Kh1 Qxf5 31.Qxf5 gxf5 32.Rxf5 Rxd3 33.Rxe5 Rd1+ 34.Kg2 Rd2+ 35.Kg3 Rxa2 36.Re7 Ra4 37.Rb7 h5 38.h4 Kf8 39.Rh7 Ra5 40.Kf4 Ke8 41.Ke4 Kd8 42.Kd4 Kc8 43.Kc4 Kb8 44.Rg7 Rc5+ 45.Kb4 Rc7 46.Rg5 Rh7 47.Kb5 Kb7 48.Rf5 a6+ 49.Kb4 Rh6 50.Rg5 Kc6 51.Rf5 a5+ 52.Ka4 Rd6 53.Rxh5 Rd4+ 54.Kb3 Rd5 55.Rh6+ Kc5 56.Rg6 Rd3+ 57.Kb2 Rd4 58.h5 Rh4 59.h6 b5 60.Ka3 Rh3+ 61.Kb2 Rh2+ 62.Kb3 a4+ 63.Ka3 Rh3+ 64.Ka2 Kb4 65.Rg4+ Ka5 66.Rg6 Rh2+ 67.Kb1 a3 68.Rg3 Ka4 69.Rg6 b4 70.Rf6 a2+ 71.Ka1 Ka3 72.Rf1 b3 0-1

Vigorito,David (2422) - Akylbekov,Nasyr (2228) [A30]

May IM Norm, Manchester, NH (6), 2015-05-09

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.Nc3 b6 4.g3 Bb7 5.Bg2 e6 6.0-0 Be7 7.d4 cxd4 8.Qxd4 d6 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.Qd3 Bxc3 12.Qxc3 0-0 13.Rfd1 Qc7 14.Nd4 Bxg2 15.Kxg2 Nd7 16.Rac1 ½-½

Akylbekov,Nasyr (2228) - Vibbert,Sean (2312) [C07]

May IM Norm, Manchester, NH (7), 2015-05-10

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nxc6 bxc6 6.Bd3 d5 7.Nd2 Nf6 8.Qe2 Qb6 9.0-0 Bb7 10.a4 a5 11.exd5 cxd5 12.Nb3 Bd6 13.Bb5+ Kf8 14.Be3 Qc7 15.f4 h5 16.Bd4 Bxf4 17.Rxf4 Qxf4 18.Rf1 Qg4 19.Qe5 h4 20.Be2 Qe4 21.Qd6+ Kg8 22.Bd3 Qg4 23.Qc7 h3 24.g3 Ba6 25.Bxa6 e5 26.Qc6 Rxa6 27.Qxa6 Qe4 28.Qc8+ Ne8 29.Rf2 exd4 30.Qf5 Qe1+ 31.Rf1 Qe3+ 32.Qf2 Rh6 33.Nxd4 Qxf2+ 34.Rxf2 Nd6 35.Re2 Rf6 36.Nc6 Kh7 37.Nxa5 Ne4 38.Nb3 Rc6 39.a5 Rc4 40.c3 Ra4 41.Kf1 g5 42.Ke1 Kg6 43.Kd1 f5 44.Kc2 Kh5 45.Re1 Kg4 46.Ra1 Rxa1 47.Nxa1 Nd6 48.a6 Nc8 49.Kd2 Kf3 50.Nc2 Kg2 51.Ke2 f4 52.gxf4 Kxh2 53.fxg5 Kg3 54.Ne3 Kf4 55.Kf2 Kxg5 56.Nxd5 Na7 57.c4 Kf5 58.Nc7 Ke5 59.Nb5 Nc8 60.a7 Nb6 61.Nc7 Kd6 62.a8Q Nxa8 63.Nxa8 Kc6 64.Kg3 1-0

Brattain,Mika (2344) - Checa,Nicolas (2349) [A06]

May IM Norm, Manchester, NH (7), 2015-05-10

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 e6 3.Bg2 g6 4.0-0 Bg7 5.c4 Ne7 6.d4 0-0 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Nc3 c6 9.Re1 Nf5 10.e3 Nd6 11.b3 Nd7 12.Bb2 Re8 13.Rc1 Nf6 14.Ne5 h5 15.h4 Ng4 16.Nxg4 Bxg4 17.Qd2 Bh6 18.Ba3 Nf5 19.Nd1 Nd6 20.Bxd6 Qxd6 21.Nb2 Bf5 22.Nd3 Re7 23.Ne5 f6 24.Nf3 Kh7 25.Bf1 Be4 26.Qd1 Qa3 27.Ra1 a5 28.Bd3 a4 29.Bxe4 Rxe4 30.Qb1 Qe7 31.Kg2 a3 32.Qc2 Qb4 33.Rac1 Bf8 34.Qd3 Kg7 35.Re2 Rae8 36.Rec2 Bd6 37.Re2 R4e7 38.Rg1 Qb6 39.Ree1 Bb4 40.Rc1 Qd8 41.Qe2 Qd7 42.Ne1 Bxe1 43.Rgxe1 Re4 44.Qf3 Qd6 45.Rh1 Qb4 46.Qd1 Qd6 47.Qc2 f5 48.Qc5 Qe6 49.Rh3 Rg4 50.Qc3

50…Re4 (50…f4 51.51.exf4 Qe4+ 52.Qf3 [not 52.f3? Qe2+ 53.Kg1 Re3 but 52.Kh2 Qe2 53.Rc2 Qf1 54.Qf3 Re1 is also equal, since both the rook on g4 and h3 are stuck after 55.Qg2 Qd3 56.f3] 52...Qxd4 53.Qd1 Qxf4 54.f3 Qe5 55.fxg4 Qe4+ 56.Kg1 Qe3+ with a perpetual, since 57.Kh2 hems in white's rook after 57...hxg4) 51.b4 Ra8 52.Qd3 Qd6 53.b5 Ree8 54.Rhh1 Rec8 55.bxc6 Rxc6 56.Rxc6 bxc6 57.Rb1 Ra7 58.Rb3 Kh6 59.Qc3 Qe6 60.Kg1 Ra4 61.Qc5 Qe8 62.Rb7 f4 63.Qd6 Rxd4 64.Qf6 Rd1+ 65.Kh2 fxg3+ 66.Kxg3 Rg1+ 67.Kh2 1-0

Gorti,Akshita (2080) - Vigorito,David (2422) [E90]

May IM Norm, Manchester, NH (7), 2015-05-10

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Be2 Nfd7 7.Ng1 Bxe2 8.Ngxe2 c5 9.Be3 Nc6 10.0-0 Qa5 11.Rc1 a6 12.Qd2 0-0 13.Rfd1 b5 14.b3 bxc4 15.bxc4 Rfd8 16.f4 cxd4 17.Nxd4 Rac8 18.Nxc6 Rxc6 19.Nd5 Qxd2 20.Rxd2 Kf8 21.Nb4 Rcc8 22.Nxa6 Nf6 23.e5 dxe5 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.fxe5 Ng4 26.Bf4 Nxe5 27.Nb4 Rc8 28.c5 Ng4 29.h3 Bd4+ 30.Kf1 e5 31.hxg4 exf4 32.Rc4 Be5 ½-½

Shmeliov,Denis (2411) - Movsisyan,Movses (2233) [D85]

May IM Norm, Manchester, NH (7), 2015-05-10

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Bd2 Bg7 6.e4 Nb6 7.Be3 0-0 8.Nf3 Bg4 9.Be2 Nc6 10.d5 Bxf3 11.gxf3 Ne5 12.Qb3 a5 13.f4 a4 14.Qb4 Ned7 15.e5 a3 16.b3 e6 17.Rd1 Qh4 18.Qd4 Rfd8 19.dxe6 Nxe5 20.Qe4 f5 21.Qc2 Ng4 22.Bxg4 Qxg4 23.Ne2 Qf3 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.0-0 Nd5 26.Bc5 Nxf4 27.Nxf4 Qxf4 28.e7 Re8 29.Re1 Qg4+ 30.Kh1 Qf3+ 31.Kg1 Qg4+ 32.Kh1 Qf3+ 33.Kg1 Qg4+ ½-½

Yuan,Yuanling (2270) - Hebert,Jean (2381) [C17]

May IM Norm, Manchester, NH (7), 2015-05-10

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.Bd2 Nh6 6.Nb5 Bxd2+ 7.Qxd2 0-0 8.f4 Nc6 9.Nf3 a6 10.Nd6 cxd4 11.Bd3 f6 12.0-0 Ng4 13.Nxc8 Rxc8 14.h3 Ne3 15.Rf2 Qb6 16.b3 fxe5 17.fxe5 h6 18.Re1 Nb4 19.Bg6 Nexc2 20.Rc1 d3 21.a3 Nxa3 22.Rxc8 Rxc8 23.Qf4 Nac2 24.Nd2 Qc5 25.Kh2 Qe7 26.Bf7+ Kh8 27.Qg4 Rf8 28.Qh5 Qg5 29.Bxe6 Rd8 30.Qxg5 hxg5 31.Bf7 Nd4 32.h4 Nbc6 33.e6 g6 34.hxg5 Kg7 35.Rf4 Rh8+ 36.Kg3 Ne2+ 0-1

Akylbekov,Nasyr (2228) - Gorti,Akshita (2080) [C15]

May IM Norm, Manchester, NH (8), 2015-05-10

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.a3 Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 dxe4 6.Qg4 Nf6 7.Qxg7 Rg8 8.Qh6 Rg6 9.Qe3 Nc6 10.Bb2 Ne7 11.0-0-0 Nf5 12.Qe1 b6 13.f3 Bb7 14.fxe4 Bxe4 15.Nf3 Qd6 16.Ne5 Rg7 17.Rg1 h5 18.Kb1 0-0-0 19.Ba6+ Bb7 20.Bxb7+ Kxb7 21.c4 Rdg8 22.Qe2 c6 23.Qf3 Ng4 24.Nxc6 Qxc6 25.d5 Qc5 26.Rge1 Ka6 27.dxe6 fxe6 28.Rxe6 Nge3 29.Re1 Rxg2 30.R6xe3 Nxe3 31.Rxe3 Rg1+ 32.Bc1 Qxc4 33.Re4 Qb5+ 34.Rb4 Qd7 35.Qe2+ Kb7 36.Qe4+ Qc6 37.Qh7+ R8g7 38.Qxh5 Qh1 39.Qe5 Rxc1+ 40.Kb2 Rcg1 41.Re4 R1g5 42.Qf4 Rb5+ 43.Rb4 Rxb4+ 44.axb4 Qd5 45.h4 Rd7 46.Ka3 Rc7 47.Qh2 Qe4 48.Kb3 Qc4+ 49.Kb2 Qxb4+ 50.Kc1 Re7 51.Qg2+ Qe4 52.Qg8 Rc7 53.Qb3 Rc4 0-1

Hebert,Jean (2381) - Shmeliov,Denis (2411) [B10]

May IM Norm, Manchester, NH (8), 2015-05-10

1.c4 c6 2.e4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.cxd5 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nxd5 6.Nf3 e6 7.d4 Be7 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Re1 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Bf6 12.Qe2 Qd5 13.Rb1 g6 14.Rb5 Qd7 15.Bh6 Bg7 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Rc5 Qd6 18.Qe3 f6 19.Be4 Nd8 20.Rb5 Bd7 21.Rb3 Rb8 22.c4 b6 23.h4 Rc8 24.Rc1 Qe7 25.h5 g5 26.c5 g4 27.h6+ Kg8 28.Nh4 f5 29.Nxf5 exf5

30.Bd5+ Be6 31.Re1 bxc5 32.Rb7 Qf6 33.Bxe6+ Nxe6 34.Qxe6+ Kh8 35.dxc5 Rc6 36.Qxf6+ Rcxf6 37.Rxa7 Rxh6 38.g3 Rc8 39.Rf7 Rhc6 40.Rxf5 Rxc5 41.Rxc5 Rxc5 42.a4 Ra5 43.Re4 h5 44.Kf1 Kg7 45.Ke2 Kf6 46.Ke3 Kf5 47.Rb4 Ke6 48.Re4+ Kf5 49.Kd3 Rd5+ 50.Rd4 Ra5 51.Kc3 Ke5 52.Rc4 Kd5 53.Rf4 Kc6 54.Kb4 Rd5 55.Rf6+ Kb7 56.a5 Ka7 57.a6 h4 58.gxh4 Rh5 59.Kc4 Rxh4 60.Rf4 Rh2 61.Kd3 Rg2 62.Kd4 ½-½

Movsisyan,Movses (2233) - Brattain,Mika (2344) [B88]

May IM Norm, Manchester, NH (8), 2015-05-10

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 e6 7.Bb3 a6 8.0-0 Qc7 9.Kh1 Na5 10.f4 b5 11.f5 Nxb3 12.axb3 b4 13.fxe6 bxc3 14.Nb5 Qb7 15.exf7+

15…Qxf7 (Better is 15…Kxf7 16.Nc7 cxb2 17.Bxb2 Qxc7 18.Qd5+ Kg6 19.Qxa8 Be7 [or 19…Qb7]) 16.Qxd6! Bxd6 17.Nxd6+ Ke7 18.Nxf7 Kxf7 19.e5 Re8 20.exf6 Re2 21.fxg7+ Kxg7 22.Ra4 Be6 23.Kg1 Ra7 24.bxc3 Rf7 25.Rxa6 Bd5 26.Bh6+ Kg8 27.Rxf7 Kxf7 28.Rd6 Bxg2 29.Bd2 Be4 30.h4 Bxc2 31.b4 Ke7 32.Rd4 Ba4 33.c4 Bc2 34.Kf1 Re5 35.Bf4 Re6 36.Kf2 Kf6 37.b5 Kf5 38.Bg3 Ba4 39.Kf3 Bc2 40.Rd5+ Kf6 41.Rd4 Ba4 42.Bc7 Ke7 43.Re4 Bb3 44.b6 Rxe4 45.b7 1-0

Vibbert,Sean (2312) - Checa,Nicolas (2349) [C15]

May IM Norm, Manchester, NH (8), 2015-05-10

1.e4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 Bb4 4.exd5 exd5 5.Bd3 Nf6 6.Nge2 0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.Bf4 Nbd7 9.a3 Be7 10.Ng3 Re8 11.Nf5 Nf8 12.Re1 Bxf5 13.Bxf5 Ng6 14.Bg3 Bd6 15.Qd2 Bxg3 16.hxg3 Qc7 17.b3 Ne7 18.Bd3 Rad8 19.Re5 Nc8 20.Rae1 Nd6 21.f3 Nd7 22.Rxe8+ Nxe8 23.Ne2 Nef6 24.g4 Re8 25.b4 Nf8 26.g3 Ne6 27.Kg2 h6 28.c3 Kf8 29.Bf5 Qe7 30.Nc1 Qd6 31.Nd3 Nd7 32.f4 Nb6 33.Ne5 Nc4 34.Qd3 Nxe5 35.dxe5 Qc7 36.Bxe6 Rxe6 37.Qh7 Rg6 38.f5 Rxg4 39.Qh8+ Ke7 40.f6+ Kd7 41.fxg7 Qd8 42.Qxh6 Qg8 43.Qd6+ Ke8 44.Qb8+ 1-0

Vigorito,David (2422) - Yuan,Yuanling (2270) [A05]

May IM Norm, Manchester, NH (8), 2015-05-10

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 c5 4.e4 d6 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Bg7 7.Be2 Nc6 8.Be3 0-0 9.0-0 Bd7 10.Nc2 a5 11.f3 a4 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.cxd5 Na5 14.Nd4 Rc8 15.Rc1 Rxc1 16.Qxc1 Qc8 17.g4 b6 18.Qd2 Nb7 19.b4 axb3 20.axb3 Qa8 21.Nc6 Bxc6 22.dxc6 Na5 23.b4 Nxc6 24.b5 Na7 25.Bxb6

25…Nxb5 26.Bxb5 Qb7 27.Qe3 Rb8 28.Rc1? (28.Ba7 Ra8 29.Bb6 Rb8 30.Ba7 forces a 3-fold repetition draw) 28…Bh6! 29.Qxh6 Qxb6+ 30.Kg2 Qxb5 31.Qd2 Qe5 32.Rc2 h5 33.gxh5 Qxh5 34.Qf4 Qa5 35.Qh4 Qe5

36.Rd2 Kg7 37.Qg3 Qf6 38.Re2 Rb5 39.f4 Rc5 40.h4 Rc3 41.Qf2 Ra3 42.Rc2 Qe6 43.Qd4+ f6 0-1

Brattain,Mika (2344) - Hebert,Jean (2381) [D34]

May IM Norm, Manchester, NH (9), 2015-05-11

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 c5 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3 d5 5.d4 e6 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 cxd4 9.Nxd4 0-0 10.b3 Re8 11.Bb2 Bf8 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.Rc1 Bg4 14.Qd3 Rc8 15.Rfe1 Bh5 16.Na4 Bb4 17.Bc3 Ba3 18.Bb2 Qe7 19.Qd4 Qb4 20.e3 Qxd4 21.exd4 Rxe1+ 22.Rxe1 Bb4 23.Rc1 Bg4 24.f3 Bf5 25.Bc3 Ba3 26.Bb2 Bb4 27.Kf2 h6 28.Bc3 Ba3 29.Bb2 Bxb2 30.Nxb2 Kf8 31.Bf1 Ke7 32.Ba6 Rc7 33.Na4 Kd6 34.Nc5 Bc8 35.Be2 a5 36.Bd3 Nd7 37.Ke3 Nb6 38.Kd2 Re7 39.Rb1 Ra7 40.Bc2 Nd7 41.Nxd7 Bxd7 42.Bd3 Bc8 43.Rc1 Ra8 44.Rc5 Bd7 45.Be2 ½-½

Checa,Nicolas (2349) - Movsisyan,Movses (2233) [D98]

May IM Norm, Manchester, NH (9), 2015-05-11

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Qb3 dxc4 6.Qxc4 0-0 7.e4 Bg4 8.Be3 Nfd7 9.Rd1 Nb6 10.Qb3 Nc6 11.d5 Ne5 12.Be2 Nxf3+ 13.gxf3 Bh5 14.Rg1 Qc8 15.Rg3 c6 16.f4 ½-½

Gorti,Akshita (2080) - Vibbert,Sean (2312) [D12]

May IM Norm, Manchester, NH (9), 2015-05-11

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 Bf5 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nh4 Bg6 7.Nxg6 hxg6 8.Bd3 Nbd7 9.0-0 Bd6 10.h3 dxc4 11.Bxc4 Nb6 12.Bb3 e5 13.Qc2 Qe7 14.Bd2 Rd8 15.Rad1 Rh5 16.dxe5 Qxe5 17.f4 Qe7 18.Rf3 Bc5 19.Kh1 Rd7 20.e4 Ng4 21.Bc1 Qh4 22.Rdf1 Bd4 23.e5 Bxc3 24.bxc3 Nd5 25.Kg1 Nh6 26.Qf2 Qxf2+ 27.Kxf2 Ng8 28.g4 Rh8 29.Rd1 f5 30.Kg3 Nge7 31.Rfd3 b5 32.c4 bxc4 33.Bxc4 Kf7 34.Ba3 g5 35.fxg5 f4+ 36.Kh2 Kg6 37.Bxe7 Rxe7 38.Bxd5 cxd5 39.Rxd5 Kxg5 40.e6+ Kg6 41.Re1 Rc8 42.Rf5 Rc2+ 43.Kg1 Rxa2 44.Rxf4 Ra6 45.Rfe4 Kf6 46.Rf4+ Kg6 47.Rfe4 ½-½

Shmeliov,Denis (2411) - Vigorito,David (2422) [D15]

May IM Norm, Manchester, NH (9), 2015-05-11

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 a6 5.c5 Bf5 6.Bf4 Nbd7 7.h3 b6 8.b4 Ne4 9.Rc1 bxc5 10.bxc5 g5 ½-½

Yuan,Yuanling (2270) - Akylbekov,Nasyr (2228) [C89]

May IM Norm, Manchester, NH (9), 2015-05-11

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Rxe5 Nf6 12.Re1 Bd6 13.h3 Ng4 14.Qf3 Qh4 15.d4 Nxf2 16.Bd2 Bg4 17.Qxf2 Bh2+ 18.Kf1 Bg3

Spot The Tactic #4

19.Qe3? Bxh3 20.Bd5 Be6 21.Bxe6 Rae8 22.Bh3 Rxe3 23.Rxe3 g5 24.Be1 Bxe1 25.Rxe1 f5 26.Nd2 Qf4+ 27.Nf3 g4 28.Kf2 gxf3 29.gxf3 Qh4+ 30.Kg2 Kh8 31.Rg1 Rg8+ 32.Kh2 Qf4+ 33.Kh1 Qxf3+ 34.Kh2 Qf2+ 35.Kh1 Qf3+ 36.Kh2 Re8 37.Rg3 Qf4 38.Rag1 Re3 39.R1g2 h5 0-1

NH Open

Nashua - July 11 - 12, 2015

On July 11th and 12th, 2015, the 65th New Hampshire Open was held in Nashua, New Hampshire. 84 players competed in the 4-section, 4-round tournament.

In the Championship section, Grandmaster Alexander Ivanov achieved a perfect score and won the section outright, trailed by Nithin Kavi and David Carter, each of whom managed 3 points. The honor of New Hampshire champion, annually bestowed upon the top-finishing New Hampshire player in the Championship section, was shared by a triumvirate for the second straight year. Hal Terrie, Aashish Welling and Niccolo Hilgendorf each managed 2.5 points and are New Hampshire co-champions for 2015.

The U1965 section was also very competitive, led by Alvin Tan and New Hampshire amateur champion Stijn Brand at 3.5 points. Right on their heels was a foursome of players at 3 points - William Ravn, Paul Arond, Larry Eldridge and Brian Yin.

Gerard Wasserbauer was the only player other than Grandmaster Ivanov to manage a perfect score at the New Hampshire Open. His 4 points led the way in the U1665 section, followed closely by Catherine Yaverone at 3.5. Meanwhile, the U1335 section produced two winners, as both Udhay Vijay and Maruthi Kishore Tiruveedhula managed 3.5 points, with Kiernan Salmon and Mike Fiske right behind them at 3 points apiece.

All-in-all, it was a weekend of good chess and a lot of fun. Thanks go to Robert Messenger for serving as the event's chief tournament director, assisted by Hal Terrie and yours truly (John Elmore).

Terrie,Hal (2200) - Pearson,Frederick (1971) [E65]

NH Open Nashua, NH (1), 2015-07-11

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.g3 d6 5.d4 0-0 6.Bg2 c5 7.0-0 cxd4 8.Nxd4 a6 9.b3 Qc7 10.Bb2 Nc6 11.e3 e5 12.Nde2 Bf5 13.h3 h5 14.Rc1 Qd7 15.Kh2 Rab8 16.e4 Be6 17.Qd2 Rfd8 18.Nd5 Bxd5 19.cxd5 Ne7 20.f4 Kh7 21.fxe5 dxe5 22.Qg5 Neg8 23.Rc4 Rbc8 24.Qc1 Qe8 25.Qc2 Nd7 26.Rc1 Nb6 27.Rc7 Ne7 28.Qd3 Rd7 29.Rxc8 Nexc8 30.a4 Nd6 31.Ba3 Nbc8 32.Rc2 f6 33.h4 Qf7 34.Bh3 (Diagram) 34…Rc7? (34…f5 is almost forced) 35.Be6! Rxc2 (35…Qe7 36.Bxc8 and the pin wins) 36.Bxf7 Rxe2+ 37.Qxe2 Nxf7 38.Qc4 Nfd6 39.Bxd6 1-0

Mi,Michael (1840) - Commisso,Michael (1690) [B98]

NH Open, U1965 Nashua, NH (1), 2015-07-11

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Be7 8.Qf3 Qc7 9.0-0-0 b5 10.a3 Bb7 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.f5 Nc6 13.Ndxb5 axb5 14.Nxb5 Qb8 15.Nxd6+ Ke7 16.e5 Bxe5 17.fxe6 f6 18.Nxb7 Qxb7 19.Rd7+ Qxd7 20.exd7 Kxd7 21.Bb5 Rac8 22.Rd1+ 1-0

O'Neil,Brian (1319) - Malev,Jon (1623) [D36]

NH Open, U1665 Nashua, NH (1), 2015-07-11

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 c6 7.Qc2 h6 8.Bxf6 Bxf6 9.Bd3 0-0 10.h3 Qe8 11.Nf3 g6 12.0-0 Bg7 13.b4 Be6 14.b5 f5 15.Ne5 Bxe5 16.dxe5 Nd7 17.f4 Nb6 18.bxc6 bxc6 19.Rf3 Kh7 20.Kf2 Qe7 21.Rh1 c5 22.g4 c4 23.Be2 Rad8 24.gxf5 Bxf5 25.Qc1 Qc5 26.Rg3 d4 27.exd4 Qxd4+ 28.Qe3 Rg8 29.Qxd4 Rxd4 30.Ke3 Rgd8 31.Nb5 Re4+ 32.Kf3 Rd2 33.Nc3 Red4 34.Rd1 Rxd1 35.Nxd1 Nd5 36.Ne3 Rxf4+ 37.Kg2 Be4+ 38.Kg1 c3 39.Nxd5 Bxd5 40.Rxc3 Rc4 1-0

Harju,John (1265) - Girish,Arjun (985) [C54]

NH Open, U1365 Nashua, NH (1), 2015-07-11

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.Qe2 h6 6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 Nxd4 8.Nxd4 Bxd4 9.0-0 d6 10.Kh1 0-0 11.Rd1 Bc5 12.Nc3 Ng4 13.Rf1 Qh4 14.h3 Nxf2+ 15.Kh2 Nxh3 16.g3 Qe7 17.Nd5 Qd8 18.Nf4 Ng5 19.b3 Ne6 20.Bb2 Nd4 21.Qh5 Qd7 22.Ng6 Qg4 23.Qxg4 Bxg4 24.Nxf8 Rxf8 25.Rf4 Be6 26.Rd1 Bxc4 27.bxc4 Ne6 28.Rf5 Rd8 29.Rfd5 c6 30.R5d3 b5 31.cxb5 cxb5 32.e5 a5 33.exd6 a4 34.a3 b4 35.axb4 Bxb4 36.Ba3 Nc5 37.Rf3 Bxa3 38.Rxa3 Nb7 39.d7 Nc5 40.Rd4 Rxd7 41.Rxd7 Nxd7 42.Rxa4 Kh7 43.Ra7 Ne5 44.Kh3 g5 45.Re7 g4+ 46.Kg2 Nf3 47.Rxf7+ Kg6 48.Rf8 h5 49.Rg8+ Kh7 50.Rf8 Kg6 51.Ra8 Kh6 52.Rf8 Kg5 53.Kf2 h4 54.Rg8+ Kf5 55.gxh4 Nxh4 56.Kg3 Ng6 57.Ra8 Ne5 58.Rf8+ Kg5 59.Rf4 Nd3 60.Rxg4+ Kf5 ½-½

Salmon,Kiernan (1363) - Debroux,Anthony (1030) [D07]

NH Open, U1365 Nashua, NH (1), 2015-07-11

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.a3 Be7 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bf4 Nf6 7.e3 Nh5 8.Bd3 Nxf4 9.exf4 f5 10.cxd5 exd5 11.0-0 0-0 12.b4 b5 13.Qb3 Kh8 14.Rfe1 Bf6 15.Nxd5 Nxd4 16.Nxd4 Bxd4 17.Rac1 Ra7 18.Re7?

Spot The Tactic #5

18…Bd7 19.Re2 c6 20.Ne7 Bf6 21.Ng6+ hxg6 22.Re3 Be8 23.Rh3+ Bh4 24.g3 Bf7 25.Qd1 g5 26.fxg5 Qxg5 27.Rxh4+ Kg8 28.Rxc6 Bg6

Spot The Tactic #6

29.Rc5 Rd7 30.Qc2 Re7 31.Rf4 Ref7 32.Qb3 Kh8 33.Qe6 Rf6 34.Qe3 Re8 35.Qd2 Rd8 36.Rh4+ Qh5 37.Rxh5+ Bxh5 38.Qg5 Bg6 39.Bxf5 Bxf5 40.Rxf5 Rdf8

41.Rxf6 Rxf6 42.Qd5 Kh7 43.h4 Kg6 44.g4 Kh7 45.g5 Rf4 46.h5 Rg4+ 47.Kh2 Rh4+ 48.Kg3 Rxh5 49.Kg4 Rh2 50.Qf5+ Kh8 51.g6 Rg2+ 52.Kf3 Rh2 53.Qf8# 1-0

Lane,Larry (1643) - Londono,Luis (1381) [C50]

NH Open, U1365 Nashua, NH (1), 2015-07-11

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Bc4 h6 5.0-0 Bd6 6.Re1 Nge7 7.Nxd4 Nxd4 8.Qxd4 f6 9.Nc3 Be5 10.Qe3 c6 11.Qf3 h5 12.Bf4 Qc7 13.Bxe5 Qxe5 14.Rad1 d6 15.Qd3 Bd7 16.Qxd6 Qxd6 17.Rxd6 0-0-0 18.Red1 Bg4 19.f3 Rxd6 20.Rxd6 Bd7 21.Kf2 Kc7 22.Rd2 Rd8 23.Ne2 Be8 24.Rxd8 Kxd8 25.h4 Ng6 26.g3 Ke7 27.Ke3 Kd6 28.Nd4 Ne7 29.Bb3 b5 30.c3 a5 31.Bc2 a4 32.a3 Bf7 33.f4 Be8 34.Bd3 Bd7 35.Be2 Be8 36.c4 bxc4 37.Bxc4 g6 38.Bd3 Nc8 39.f5 Ke7 40.Kf4 c5 41.Ne6 gxf5 42.exf5 Kd6 43.g4 hxg4 44.Kxg4 Ne7 45.Bc4 Ng8 46.Kf4 Nh6 47.b3 Bd7 48.bxa4 Bxa4 49.Ng7 Ke7 50.Ke4 Bc2+ 51.Kd5 Nxf5 52.Nxf5+ Bxf5 53.Kxc5 Bd7 54.h5 f5 55.Kd4 Kf6 56.Bd5 Be8 57.Bf3 Kg5 58.Ke5 Ba4 59.Be2 Bb3 60.h6 Kxh6 61.Kxf5 Ba4 62.Kf6 Be8 63.Ke6 Kg5 64.Kd5 Kf6 65.Kd6 Ba4 66.Bc4 Kf5 67.Kc5 Ke5 68.Kb4 Bc2 69.Bb3 Bd3 70.a4 Kd6 71.Bd1 Kc6 72.Bf3+ Kb6 73.Bg4 Ka7 74.Bd7 Be2 75.Bb5 Bf3 76.Kc5 Be4 77.a5 Bf3 78.Bc6 Be2 79.Bb5 Bf3 80.a6 Be4 ½-½

Blaney,Ben (984) - Walton,Robert (1413) [B52]

NH Open, U1665 Nashua, NH (1), 2015-07-11

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Bd7 4.Bxd7+ Nxd7 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Ngf6 7.Nc3 Nc5 8.f3 e6 9.Nde2 a6 10.0-0 Be7 11.Be3 0-0 12.a3 b5 13.b4 Na4 14.Nxa4 bxa4 15.c4 Qd7 16.Qc2 h6 17.Rad1 Rac8 18.e5 Nd5 19.Bc1 Qa7+ 20.Kh1 Ne3 (20...dxe5) 21.Bxe3 Qxe3 22.exd6 Bf6 23.Rd3 Rxc4 24.Qxc4 Qxe2 25.Rfd1 g6 26.Qxa6 Kg7 27.Qxa4 Rc8 28.R3d2 Qc4 29.Rc2 (29.d7) Qxc2 30.Qxc2 Rxc2 31.Kg1 Ra2 32.Rd3 Bd8 33.h3 e5 34.Kf1 Kf6 35.g3 Ke6 36.Ke1 Rc2 37.Rd2 Rxd2 38.Kxd2 Kxd6 39.Kc3 Kd5 40.Kd3 f5 41.a4 Bc7 42.a5 g5 43.a6 Bb6 44.g4 e4+ 45.fxe4+ fxe4+ 46.Kc3 e3 47.b5 Kc5 48.Kd3 Kxb5 49.Ke2 Kxa6 50.Kd3 Kb5 51.Kc3 Kc5 52.Kd3 Kd5 53.Ke2 Ke4 54.Ke1 Kf3 55.Kf1 e2+ 56.Ke1 Ba5# 0-1

Arond,Paul (1789) - Kolojeski,Paul (1681) [B23]

NH Open, U1965 Nashua, NH (1), 2015-07-11

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 e5 4.Nf3 Bd6 5.f5 Nf6 6.Bc4 Na5 7.Be2 a6 8.d3 h6 9.a4 b6 10.0-0 Bb7 11.b3 Qc7 12.Nd2 Nc6 13.Nc4 Be7 14.Ne3 Nd4 15.Ncd5 Nxd5 16.Nxd5 Nxe2+ 17.Qxe2 Bxd5 18.exd5 d6 19.Qg4 Bf6 20.Rb1 Qb7 21.c4 a5 22.Bd2 Qd7 23.Rf3 Kd8 24.Rbf1 Kc7 25.Qh5 Qe7 26.Qg4 Rag8 27.Qe4 Qd8 28.Qe1 Qe7 29.Bxa5 bxa5 30.Qxa5+ Kc8 31.Qa6+ Kd8 32.Qa8+ Kd7 33.Qc6+ Kd8 34.Qa8+ Kd7 35.Qc6+ Kd8 36.a5 Qc7 37.Qa4 Qd7 38.Qa3 Ke7 39.Rb1 Rb8 40.b4 cxb4 41.Rxb4 Qc7 42.Rb5 Rhc8 43.Rf1 e4 44.Rxb8 Bd4+ 45.Kh1 Rxb8 46.dxe4 Ra8 47.Qd3 Be5 48.a6 Qb6 49.c5 Qxc5 50.Rb1 ½-½

Barkey,Dale (1714) - Ravn,William (1951) [B01]

NH Open, U1965 Nashua, NH (1), 2015-07-11

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nxd5 4.d4 g6 5.c4 Nb6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Be2 0-0 8.Be3 Nc6 9.Rc1 Re8 10.0-0 e5 11.d5 Ne7 12.Qb3 Nf5 13.Rfd1 Nxe3 14.fxe3 e4 15.Nd4 Qg5 16.Ncb5 Bh3 17.Bf1 Be5 18.Kh1 Bg4 19.Rd2 a6 20.Na3 Qh4 21.g3 Bxg3 22.Rg2 Be5 23.Nac2 Bf3 24.Kg1 Bxg2 25.Bxg2 Bxh2+ 0-1

Isakov,Michael (2002) - Terrie,Hal (2200) [D85]

NH Open Nashua, NH (2), 2015-07-11

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.e4 Nxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be3 c5 9.Rc1 Qa5 10.Qd2 Nc6 11.d5 Rd8 12.Qc2 Nd4 13.Nxd4 cxd4 14.Bd2 dxc3 15.Bxc3 Bxc3+ 16.Qxc3 Qa4 17.Qc4 Qa5+ 18.Qc3 Qa4 19.Qc4 Qa5+ 20.Qc3 ½-½

Karlsson,Fridrik (1959) - Cesolini,Tony (2022) [D35]

NH Open Nashua, NH (2), 2015-07-11

1.d4 e6 2.c4 d5 3.cxd5 exd5 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Bg5 Be7 6.Qc2 c6 7.e3 Ne4 8.Bxe7 Qxe7

Spot The Tactic #7

9.Bd3 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Qg5 11.f4 Qe7 12.Kf2 Nd7 13.e4 dxe4 14.Re1 Qd6 15.Rxe4+ Kf8 16.h3 Nf6 17.Re5 Nd7 18.Re3 Qxf4+ 19.Nf3 Nf6 20.Qb3 Nd5??

Spot The Tactic #8

21.Re4 Qd6 22.Rhe1 Bf5 23.Qxb7 Rb8 24.Ng5 Bg6 25.Qxa7 h6 26.Nf3 Bxe4 27.Rxe4 Nf6 28.Re2 Rd8 29.Ne5 Nd7 30.Bc4 Qf6+ 31.Kg1 Nxe5 32.Rxe5 g6 33.Qc5+ Kg7 34.Re7 Rhf8 35.Rc7 Rde8 36.g3 Qf3 37.Re7 Qxg3+ 38.Kh1 Qxh3+ 39.Kg1 Qg3+ 40.Kf1 Qf3+ 41.Kg1 Rxe7 42.Qxe7 Qxc3 43.Qe5+ Kh7 44.Bb3 Qc1+ 45.Kf2 Qd2+ 46.Kf1 Qd3+ 47.Kg1 Qf5 48.Qd6 Re8 49.Qg3 Re2 0-1

Nolan,Marc (1637) - Mi,Michael (1840) [D05]

NH Open, U1965 Nashua, NH (2), 2015-07-11

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.e3 c5 4.Bd3 d5 5.c3 Nc6 6.0-0 Bd6 7.Nbd2 e5 8.dxe5 Nxe5 9.Nxe5 Bxe5 10.Nf3 Bc7 11.Re1 0-0 12.b3 Bg4 13.Bb2 Qd6 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 Rfe8 16.c4 d4 17.exd4 Qh2+ 18.Kf1 0-1

Thomas,David (1828) - Barkey,Dale (1714) [C63]

NH Open, U1965 Nashua, NH (2), 2015-07-11

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 f5 4.d3 fxe4 5.Bxc6 dxc6 6.Nxe5 Nf6 7.0-0 Bd6 8.d4 Bf5 9.f4 exf3 10.Nxf3 0-0 11.Ne5 Nd7 12.Bf4 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 Bxe5 14.dxe5 Qxd1 15.Rxd1 Bxc2 16.Re1 Rae8 17.Nd2 Bf5 18.Ne4 Rxe5 19.Nc3 Rfe8 20.Kf2 Rxe1 21.Rxe1 Rxe1 22.Kxe1 Kf7 23.Kd2 Ke6 24.Ke3 Ke5 25.g3 a5 26.a3 c5 27.h4 c6 28.Kd2 b5 29.Ke3 Bc2 30.g4 b4 31.axb4 cxb4 32.Na2 h6 33.Nc1 a4 34.g5 hxg5 35.hxg5 Kf5 36.Na2 c5 37.Nc1 Kxg5 38.Kd2 Bb1 39.Ne2 Kg4 40.Nc1 g5 41.Ne2 Kf3 42.Ng1+ Kg2 43.Ne2 Kf2 44.Nc1 g4 45.Ne2 g3 46.Nxg3 Kxg3 47.Kc1 Ba2 48.Kc2 Kf3 49.Kd3 Bb3 50.Kd2 Ke4 51.Ke2 a3 0-1

Ravn,William (1951) - Taggart,James (1687) [D07]

NH Open, U1965 Nashua, NH (2), 2015-07-11

1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nc6 3.e3 e5 4.dxe5 Nxe5 5.Qxd5 Qxd5 6.cxd5 Nf6 7.Nc3 Bb4 8.Bd2 0-0 9.f3 a6 10.e4 Re8 11.0-0-0 c6 12.dxc6 Nxc6 13.Bd3 Be6 14.Kb1 Rad8 15.Bc2 Rd7 16.Nge2 Red8 17.Be3 Kf8 18.a3 Ba5 19.Rxd7 Rxd7 20.Rd1 Ke8 21.Rxd7 Kxd7 22.b4 Bd8 23.Nd4 Bb6 24.Ba4 Bxd4 25.Bxc6+ Kxc6 26.Bxd4 Ne8 27.Kc2 f5 28.exf5 Bxf5+ 29.Kd2 g6 30.Be5 h5 31.Ke3 g5 32.Kd4 Be6 33.a4 b5 34.a5 Bc4 35.g3 g4 36.f4 Bf1 37.Ne4 Bg2 38.Nc5 Nd6 39.Bxd6 Kxd6 40.Nxa6 Bf1 1-0

Kolojeski,Paul (1681) - Eldridge,Larry (1731) [D00]

NH Open, U1965 Nashua, NH (2), 2015-07-11

1.d4 d5 2.Bg5 c5 3.e3 Nc6 4.c3 Qb6 5.Qc2 e5 6.dxe5 Nxe5 7.Be2 Bd6 8.Nf3 Be6 9.0-0 Rc8 10.Rd1 h6 11.Bh4 g5 12.Bg3 Nxf3+ 13.Bxf3 Bxg3 14.hxg3 Nf6 15.Nd2 h5 16.Qb3 h4 17.Qxb6 axb6 18.Nf1 g4 19.Be2 Ne4 20.gxh4 Rxh4 21.g3 Rh6 22.Nd2 Ng5 23.Kg2 d4 24.Rh1 Bd5+

25.f3 (White can still defend with 25.e4 Rxh1 26.Rxh1 Nxe4 27.Rh8+ Ke7 28.Rxc8 dxc3 29.bxc3 Nd6+ 30.Kf1 Nxc8 31.Bxg4 =) gxf3+ 26.Bxf3 Nxf3 27.Nxf3 Rxh1 28.Rxh1 dxc3 29.bxc3 Ke7 30.a3 Ra8 31.Ra1 Ra4 32.Kf2 b5 33.Nd2 b4 34.e4 0-1

Malev,Jon (1623) - Huang,Yue (1233) [D07]

NH Open, U1665 Nashua, NH (2), 2015-07-11

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 Nc6 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nb6 6.Nc3 Bg4 7.Be2 Bxf3 8.Bxf3 Qxd4 9.Be3 Qxd1+ 10.Rxd1 e6 11.a3 Nc4 12.Bc1 Bd6 13.0-0 0-0-0 14.Be2 N4e5 15.Be3 Kb8 16.f4 Ng6 17.g3 f5 18.e5 Be7 19.Bc4 Nf8 20.b4

20…h5 (Better to strike with the g-pawn: 20...Rxd1 21.Rxd1 g5 22.Kg2 Rg8 23.Kf3 a6 24.Rg1 b5 25.Bb3 Kb7 26.Ne2 gxf4 =) 21.h4 Rh6 22.Kh2 Nd7 23.Bb3 Nb6 24.Bf2 a6 25.Bxb6 cxb6 26.Rxd8+ Bxd8 27.Rd1 Kc7 28.Ne2 (28.Rd6 wins a pawn) Be7 29.Kg2 Rg6 30.Kf3 Nd8 31.Nd4 Kc8 32.Nc2 Rh6 33.Nd4 Kc7 34.Nc2 Nc6 35.Rd3 b5 36.Rc3 Kb6 37.Rd3 Kc7 38.Ke2 Kc8 39.Ne1 Kc7 40.Nf3 Nd8 41.Rc3+ Kd7 42.Rd3+ Ke8 43.Ng5 Bxg5 44.hxg5 Rg6? (Now the rook can no longer move.) 45.Kf2 Ke7 46.Bd1 Nc6 47.Bxh5 Nxe5 48.Rc3 Ng4+ 49.Kg2 Rxg5 50.fxg5 Kd6 51.Kf3 Ne5+ 52.Kf4 g6 53.Bf3 b6 54.Bb7 a5 55.Ba6 axb4 56.axb4 Nc6 57.Rb3 e5+ 58.Ke3 Na7 59.Bb7 Kc7 60.Bd5 Nc8 61.Rd3 Ne7 62.Be6 Nc6 63.Rd7+ Kb8 64.Bxf5 gxf5 65.g6 Nxb4 66.g7 Nc2+ 67.Kd2 Kc8 68.Rf7 e4 69.g8Q# 1-0

Cao,Joy (1214) - Norris,Robert (1275) [C50]

NH Open, U1665 Nashua, NH (2), 2015-07-11

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 h6 7.Re1 Re8 8.Nd5 d6 9.Nxf6+ Qxf6 10.h3 Bd7 11.c3 a6 12.b4 Ba7 13.a4 Ne7 14.d4 exd4 15.cxd4 Ng6 16.Bb2 Qd8 17.Qb3 Be6 18.Bxe6 Rxe6 19.d5 Re8 20.Qc3 f6 21.Rac1 Re7 22.Nd4 Rc8 23.Ne6 Qd7 24.a5 Bb8 25.Qc4 c6 26.Re3 Ree8 27.Rg3

27…Ne5 (27...cxd5 28.Qxd5 Rxc1+ 29.Bxc1 Qxe6 30.Qxe6+ Rxe6 31.Rxg6 Kf7 32.Rg4 d5! 33.Bf4 [33.exd5?? Re1 mate] Bxf4 34.Rxf4 Rxe4 with a winning endgame) 28.Bxe5 dxe5 29.Rxg7+ Qxg7 30.Nxg7 Kxg7 31.Qd3 Rcd8 32.Qg3+ Kf7 33.dxc6 Rc8 34.Qb3+ Re6 35.Rd1 Rc7 36.Rd7+ Rxd7 37.cxd7 Ke7 38.d8Q+ Kxd8 39.Qxe6 Bc7 40.Qxf6+ Kd7 41.Qxh6 Bd6 42.Qd2 Kc7 43.h4 Be7 44.h5 Kc6 45.h6 Bf6 46.h7 Kb5 47.Qh6 Bh8 48.Qf8 1-0

Londono,Luis (1381) - Naylor,John (1655) [C50]

NH Open, U1665 Nashua, NH (2), 2015-07-12

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.Nc3 0-0 6.0-0 d6 7.h3 Be6 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 Qd7 10.Kh2 g5 11.Bg3 g4 12.Bxe6 Qxe6 13.Nh4 gxh3 14.gxh3 Kh7 15.Nf5 Rg8 16.Rg1 Nd4 17.Nxd4 Bxd4 18.Bh4 Rxg1 19.Qxg1 Rg8 20.Qf1 Nh5 21.Ne2 Bxb2 22.Rb1 Qxa2 23.Bg3 b6 24.Qd1 Nxg3 25.fxg3 Bd4 26.Nxd4 exd4 27.Ra1 Qe6 28.Rxa7 c5 29.Qh5 Rg7 30.Rb7 Qa2 31.Qf5+ Kh8 32.Rb8+ Rg8 33.Qf6+ Kh7 34.Qf5+ Kh8 35.Qf6+ ½-½

Liu,Kevin (791) - Harju,John (1265) [D37]

NH Open, U1365 Nashua, NH (2), 2015-07-11

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 e6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Bf4 Nbd7 6.e3 Be7 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 Nh5 9.Bg3 Nxg3 10.hxg3 b6 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Qc7 13.Bd3 Qxe5 14.Qe2 Rd8 15.Rfd1 Ba6 16.cxd5 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 exd5 18.f4 Qc7 19.Kf2 b5 20.Rh1 g6 21.a3 Bf6 22.Rac1 Qb6 23.Rhe1 d4 24.Ne4 dxe3+ 25.Qxe3 Bd4 26.Qxd4 Qxd4+ 27.Kf1 Rac8 28.b4 Re8 29.Rcd1 Qc4+ 30.Kg1 Rxe4 31.Rxe4 Qxe4 32.Kf1 Re8 33.Kg1 Qe2 34.Rf1 Re3 35.Rf2 Qe1+ 36.Rf1 Qxg3 0-1

Fiske,Mike (1263) - Jiang,Dylan (633) [A34]

NH Open, U1365 Nashua, NH (2), 2015-07-11

1.c4 c5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 e6 4.e4 Nc6 5.e5 Ng4 6.g3 Ngxe5 7.Nxe5 Nxe5 8.f4 Nc6 9.Bg2 Be7 10.0-0 Qb6 11.d3 0-0 12.Na4 Qc7 13.Bd2 Bf6 14.Nc3 Bd4+ 15.Kh1 d6 16.Nb5 Qe7 17.Nc3 e5 18.Nd5 Qe6 19.Nc7 Qg6 20.Nxa8 Qxd3 21.Bc3 Bxc3 22.Qxd3 Bxb2 23.Rab1 Bd4 24.a3 g6 25.Nc7 Bf5 26.Be4 Bxe4+ 27.Qxe4 b6 28.f5 gxf5 29.Rxf5 Kh8 30.Rh5 f5 31.Rxf5 Rxf5 32.Qxf5 Ne7 33.Qf8+ Ng8 34.Ne6 Bc3 1-0

Kaloudis,Hana (841) - Salmon,Kiernan (1363) [A29]

NH Open, U1365 Nashua, NH (2), 2015-07-11

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 Bc5 5.Nf3 0-0 6.0-0 d6 7.e3 Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.g4 Nxg4 10.hxg4 Bxg4 11.Qe1 Re8 12.d3 Bb4 13.Bd2 Bxc3 14.Bxc3 e4 15.dxe4 Rxe4 16.Nh2 Bf5 17.Qb1 Qg5 18.Nf3 Qg6 19.Qxe4 Bxe4 20.Rfe1 Bxf3 21.Kf1 Qxg2# 0-1

Terrie,Hal (2200) - Kelly,Joseph (1988) [E94]

NH Open Nashua, NH (3), 2015-07-12

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.d4 0-0 6.Be2 Na6 7.0-0 e5 8.Re1 Bg4 9.Be3 exd4 10.Nxd4 Bxe2 11.Qxe2 Nc5 12.f3 a5 13.Rad1 Nfd7 14.Qd2 Ne6 15.Nde2 Re8 16.b3 Ndc5 17.Nd5 Qd7 18.Nef4 a4 19.b4 Na6 20.a3 b5 21.c5 Rad8 22.Qa2 Qc8 23.cxd6 Rxd6 24.Nxe6 Qxe6 25.Qe2 c6 26.Nf4 Qd7 27.Rxd6 Qxd6 28.Rd1 Qe7

29.Qc2 Rc8 30.Nd3 f5 31.Nc5 Nxc5 32.Bxc5 Qf7 33.Bd6 Qb3 34.Qd3 Rd8 ½-½

Karlsson,Fridrik (1948) - Chevalier,Tim (1965) [D91]

NH Open Nashua, NH (3), 2015-07-12

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bg5 Ne4 6.cxd5 Nxg5 7.Nxg5 e6 8.Qd2 exd5 9.Qe3+ Kf8 10.Qf4 Bf6 11.Nf3 c6 12.e3 Bf5 13.g4 Be6 14.g5 Be7 15.Bd3 h6 16.gxh6 g5 17.Qg3 Rxh6 18.Rg1 Nd7 19.0-0-0 f6

Spot The Tactic #9

20.Nd2 Qb8 21.Qxb8+ Rxb8 22.Rh1 Kf7 23.f4 gxf4 24.exf4 Nb6 25.f5 Bd7 26.Ne2 Rbh8 27.Nf3 Bd6 28.h4 Rh5 29.Rdf1 Kf8 30.Ne1 Rxh4 31.Rhg1 Nc8 32.Rg6 R8h6 33.Nf3 Rh1 34.Rxh1 Rxh1+ 35.Kc2 Kf7 36.Kd2 Ne7 37.Ng5+ fxg5 38.Rxd6 Bxf5 39.Bxf5 Nxf5 40.Rd7+ Ke6 41.Rxb7 g4 42.Rxa7 g3 43.Ra8 Kf7 44.Ra7+ Kf6 45.Ra8 g2 46.Rg8 Ng7 47.Rc8 g1Q 48.Nxg1 Rxg1 49.Rxc6+ Ke7 50.Ra6 Nf5 51.Kc3 Rc1+ 52.Kd2 Rc4 53.a4 Nxd4 54.Ra7+ Kd6 55.a5 Nb3+ 56.Kd3 Ra4 57.Kc3 Rxa5 58.Rh7 Nc5 59.Rh6+ Ne6 60.b4 Ra1 61.Kb2 Rf1 62.b5 d4 63.b6 Rf5 0-1

Mi,Michael (1840) - Ravn,William (1951) [B01]

NH Open, U1965 Nashua, NH (3), 2015-07-12

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nxd5 4.d4 g6 5.c4 Nb6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Be3 Nc6 8.h3 0-0 9.Qd2 Re8 10.Be2 e5 11.d5 Ne7 12.g4 f5 13.Bh6 e4 14.Nd4 c5 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Nc2 Ng8 17.gxf5 Bxf5 18.Ne3 Nh6 19.0-0-0 Qd7 20.Bg4 Nc8 21.Bxf5 Nxf5 22.Nxf5+ Qxf5 23.Nb5 Qf7 24.Qc3+ Kg8 25.d6 Rd8 26.Rd2 a6 27.Nc7 Rb8 28.Rhd1 Nxd6 29.Nd5 Rf8 30.Nb6 Nf5 31.Nd7 Nd4 32.Nxb8 Rxb8 33.b3 Qf5 34.Qg3 Rf8 35.Qd6 Kg7 36.Qd5 Qxd5 37.cxd5 Kf6 38.b4 b6 39.Kb2 Ke5 40.a4 Rf3 41.bxc5 bxc5 42.Rc1 Kxd5 43.Rg1 Rxh3 44.Rg5+ Kc4 45.Rd1 Rb3+ 46.Ka2 Rf3 47.Rc1+ Kb4 48.Rgxc5 Rxf2+ 49.Kb1 Nb3 50.R1c4+ Ka3 51.Rc3 Rf1+ 52.Kc2 Rc1# 0-1

Eldridge,Larry (1731) - Brassard,Gary (1832) [B35]

NH Open, U1965 Nashua, NH (3), 2015-07-12

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Be3 Bg7 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Bb3 a5 9.f3 d5 10.Bxd5 Nxd5 11.exd5 Nb4 12.Nde2 Bf5 13.Rc1 Ra6 14.g4 Bd7 15.Qd2 Rd6 16.a3 Na6 17.Ne4 Bxb2 18.Rb1 Bxa3 19.Nxd6 Bxd6 20.Bb6 Bc7 21.Qxa5 Bxb6 22.Qxb6 Qxb6 23.Rxb6 Bc8 24.0-0 Rd8 25.Rd1 Nc5 26.d6 exd6 27.Rbxd6 Rxd6 28.Rxd6 Kf8 29.Rd8+ 1-0

Song,Alan (1718) - Kolojeski,Paul (1681) [B33]

NH Open, U1965 Nashua, NH (3), 2015-07-12

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Nd5 Qa5+ 10.Bd2 Qd8 11.Bg5 Qa5+ 12.Qd2 Qxd2+ 13.Bxd2 Nxd5 14.exd5 Ne7 15.g3 Nxd5 16.Bg2 Be6 17.c4 bxc4 18.Nxc4 Rb8 19.b3 Be7 20.Rd1 Nb6 21.Nxb6 Rxb6 22.Ba5 Rb5 23.Bc6+ Bd7 24.Bxb5 Bxb5 25.f3 Kd7 26.Kf2 f5 27.Bc3 Rc8 28.Rc1 Ke6 29.Rhe1 Bf6 30.f4 e4 31.Bxf6 Rxc1 32.Rxc1 Kxf6 33.Ke3 h6 34.h4 g6 35.a4 Bd3 36.b4 Ke6 37.Kd4 Be2 38.Rb1 g5 39.b5 axb5 40.axb5 Bd3 41.Rb2 Kd7 42.b6 Kc8 43.hxg5 hxg5 1-0

Commisso,Michael (1690) - Yin,Brian (1715) [B78]

NH Open, U1965 Nashua, NH (3), 2015-07-12

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.Be3 Bg7 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Qd2 d6 9.Bb3 Bd7 10.0-0-0 Rc8 11.f3 Ne5 12.h4 Nc4 13.Bxc4 Rxc4 14.g4 a6 15.h5 b5 16.hxg6 fxg6 17.g5 Nh5 18.Rxh5 gxh5 19.f4 Qe8 20.b3 Rc8 21.Nd5 Rb8 22.f5 Qf7 23.Nc7 Rfc8 24.Nde6 Bxe6 25.Nxe6 Rc6

Spot The Tactic #10

26.Bd4 Bxd4 27.Qxd4 Rbc8 28.Rd2 h4 29.Rh2 h3 30.Rxh3 Rxc2+ 31.Kb1 Rc1+ 32.Kb2 R1c2+ 33.Ka3 a5 34.Qd5 b4+ 35.Ka4 Rxa2+ 36.Kb5 Rb8+ 37.Kc4 Rc2+ 38.Kd4 Rd2+ 39.Rd3 Rxd3+ 40.Kxd3 Rc8 41.g6 hxg6 42.e5 Qxf5+ 43.Ke3 Qxe5+ 44.Qxe5 dxe5 0-1

Barkey,Dale (1714) - Roldan-Levchenko,Nikita (1600) [B21]

NH Open, U1965 Nashua, NH (3), 2015-07-12

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 d3 4.Bxd3 Nc6 5.c4 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Nf3 d6 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Ne5 11.Qd1 Nf6 12.Be2 0-0 13.Be3 b6 14.Qc2 Rc8 15.b3 Ned7 16.Rad1 Nc5 17.e5 Ne8 18.exd6 Nxd6 19.Nb5 a6 20.Nxd6 exd6 21.Bf4 Nb7 22.Bf3 Qc7 23.Bxb7 Qxb7 24.Rxd6 Rfe8 25.Qd2 Ra8 26.Be3 b5 27.Rb6 Qa7 28.cxb5 axb5 29.Re6 Qb7 30.Rxe8+ Rxe8 31.a4 bxa4 32.bxa4 Ra8 33.Rd1 Rxa4 ½-½

Londono,Luis (1381) - Malev,Jon (1623) [B27]

NH Open, U1665 Nashua, NH (3), 2015-07-12

1.e4 c5 2.Bc4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.0-0 Nc6 5.c3 e6 6.d4 cxd4 7.cxd4 Nge7 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bxe7 Nxe7 10.Nc3 0-0 11.Rc1 a6 12.Re1 b5 13.Bb3 Bb7 14.a3 Rc8 15.Kh1 d5 16.e5 Qb6 17.Qd2 Kh7 18.Bc2 Nf5 19.Ne2 Qd8 20.Qd3 Qe8 21.Nf4 Kg8 22.h4 h5 23.g3 Bh6 24.Ng5 Bxg5 25.hxg5 Qe7 26.Nh3 Rc4 27.Bb1 Rxd4 28.Qb3 Rc4 29.Bxf5 exf5 30.f4 d4+ 31.Kh2 Rfc8 32.Rxc4 Rxc4 33.Nf2 Qd7 34.Qd3 Qd5 35.Rg1 Rc7 36.Kh3 Qc4 37.Qxc4 bxc4 38.Rd1 Rd7 39.Kh2 Bc6 40.Kg1 a5 41.Kf1 Bb5 42.Ke1 Kf8 43.Rd2 Ke7 44.Rc2 Ke6 45.Kd2 a4 46.Rc1 Kd5 47.Rc2 Ba6 48.Rc1 Rb7 49.Kc2 Rb3 50.Rg1 d3+ 51.Nxd3 Rxd3 52.Rd1 Rxd1 53.Kxd1 Bb7 54.Ke2 Kd4 55.Kd2 Bd5 56.Ke2 c3 0-1

Salmon,Kiernan (1363) - Fiske,Mike (1263) [E60]

NH Open, U1365 Nashua, NH (3), 2015-07-12

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd3 d6 6.b3 Bg4 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Nbd2 e5 9.Bb2 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 c6 11.Rac1 Re8 12.Rfe1 a5 13.a4 Rc8 14.Ne4 Nxe4 15.Bxe4 Qf6 16.Qg4 Qe6 17.Qxe6 Rxe6 18.d5 Ree8 19.Bc3 f5 20.dxc6 bxc6 21.Bb1 Ra8 22.Rcd1 Re6 23.Ba2 c5 24.Rd2 Ra6 25.Bb2 Bf8 26.Red1 Kf7 27.Bb1 Rb6 28.Bc2 Nf6 29.Bc3 Ra6 30.f3 Bh6 31.Kf2 e4 32.h3 Bf8 33.g4 fxg4 34.hxg4 exf3 35.Kxf3 g5 36.Rh2 Rxe3+ 37.Kxe3 Nxg4+ 38.Ke2 Nxh2 39.Rh1 Bg7 40.Bxg7 Kxg7 41.Rxh2 h6 42.Be4 Rb6 43.Rh3 Rb8 44.Rd3 Rb6 45.Kf3 Kf8 46.Kg4 Ke7 47.Bd5 Kd8 48.Kh5 Kc7 49.Kxh6 g4 50.Kg5 Rb8 51.Kxg4 Rf8 52.Rf3 Rxf3 53.Kxf3 Kd8 54.Kf4 Ke7 55.Kf5 Kd7 56.Kf6 Kd8 57.Ke6 Kc7 58.Be4 1-0

Torres,Saulo (1980) - Karlsson,Fridrick (1948) [C00]

NH Open Nashua, NH (4), 2015-07-12

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 Nc6 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.g3 Be7 6.Bg2 dxe4 7.dxe4 e5 8.0-0 Bg4 9.c3 0-0 10.Re1 Bc5 11.b4 Bb6 12.a4 a6 13.h3 Bh5 14.Qc2 Bg6 15.Nc4 Re8 16.Bg5 Qc8 17.Rad1 Qe6 18.Nxb6 cxb6 19.Bxf6 Qxf6 20.Rd7 Re7 21.Red1 Qe6 22.R1d6 Qxd7 23.Rxd7 Rxd7 24.b5 axb5 25.axb5 Ne7 26.Nxe5 Rc7 27.c4 Rac8 28.Qb3 Rc5 29.f4 f6 30.Nd7 R5c7 31.Nxb6 Rd8 32.Nd5 Rcd7 33.Qb4 Nxd5 34.exd5 b6 35.Kf2 Rc7 36.Bf1 Bf7 37.Qa3 Be8 38.Qa6 Rd6 39.Qa8 Kf7 40.Bd3 Ke7 41.Qb8 Rc5 ½-½

Hilgendorf,Niccolo (1874) - Terrie,Hal (2200) [A28]

NH Open Nashua, NH (4), 2015-07-12

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.e3 Bb4 5.Nf3 exd4 6.exd4 h6 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 Bxc3 9.bxc3 d6 10.Qc2 Bg4 11.d5 Ne7 12.Nd4 Bxe2 13.Nxe2 Re8 14.Rb1 Rb8 15.Be3 Nc8 16.Nd4 Ne4 17.Nc6 bxc6 18.Rxb8 c5 19.f3 Nf6 20.Bf4 Nd7 21.Rbb1 Ncb6 22.Qd3 Qf6 23.Bg3 Qg6 24.Qxg6 fxg6 25.Rfe1 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Kf7 27.Rb1 Ke7 28.Re1+ Kf7 29.Rb1 Ke7 30.Re1+ Kf7 31.Rb1 ½-½

Tan,Alvin (1924) - Mi,Michael (1840) [A32]

NH Open, U1965 Nashua, NH (4), 2015-07-12

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 c5 4.Nc3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.Qd3 Nc6 7.Bf4 a6 8.a3 Bxc3+ 9.Qxc3 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 d5 11.Rd1 0-0 12.Rd3 Re8 13.Bg5 e5 14.Qh4 d4 15.Rg3 Kh8 16.Rf3 Re6 17.e4 Rd6 18.c5 Rc6 19.Bc4 Qe7 20.b4 b5 21.Bd5 Rxc5 22.bxc5 Qxc5 23.Bxa8 Qc4 24.Bd5 Nxd5 25.exd5 f6 26.Bd2 b4 27.Qe4 b3 28.Qd3 Qxd5 29.0-0 e4 30.Qxb3 Qh5 31.Qb8 Qg4 32.Rc1 h6 33.Qxc8+ Qxc8 34.Rxc8+ 1-0

Brassard,Gary (1832) - Barkey,Dale (1714) [E92]

NH Open, U1965 Nashua, NH (4), 02.07.2015

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.Nf3 e5 7.Be3 Ng4 8.Bg5 f6 9.Bc1 f5 10.Bg5 Nf6 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.Qxd8 Rxd8 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.Nd5 Rxd5 15.cxd5 c6 16.Nd2 cxd5 17.exd5 e4 18.Rc1 Nd7 19.Nc4 Ne5 20.Nxe5 Bxe5 21.b3 Bd7 22.0-0 Bf4 23.Rc2 e3 24.g3 exf2+ 25.Kxf2 Bd6 26.Rfc1 a6 27.Rc7 Bxc7 28.Rxc7 Bb5 29.d6 Rd8 30.Bxb5 axb5 31.d7 Kf7 32.Rxb7 Ke7 33.Rxb5 Rxd7 34.Re5+ Kd6 35.Re2 Kc5 36.Ke1 Kb4 37.Rd2 Rc7 38.Kf2 Kc3 39.Re2 Rd7 40.Kf3 Rd4 41.Re7 g5 42.Rxh7 g4+ 43.Ke3 Re4+ 44.Kf2 Kb2 45.Ra7 Kc3 46.Ra5 Kd2 47.Rd5+ 1-0

Commisso,Michael (1690) - Boshen,Li (1660) [B98]

NH Open, U1965 Nashua, NH (4), 2015-07-12

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Be7 8.Qf3 Qc7 9.Be2 Nc6 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Kh1 Bb7 13.Qg3 Rfe8 14.e5 dxe5 15.fxe5 Nd7 16.Rf2 Bxg5 17.Qxg5 Qxe5 18.Qh5 Qxh5 19.Bxh5 Nf6 20.Bf3 Rad8 21.Raf1 Re7 22.Na4 a5 23.Nc5 Ba8 24.Rd1 Rxd1+ 25.Bxd1 Nd7 26.Rd2 Nf8 27.Rd8 Bb7 28.Rb8 1-0

Harju,John (1265) - Tiruveedhula,Maruthi (1046) [C50]

NH Open, U1365 Nashua, NH (4), 2015-07-12

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 h6 5.a3 Nf6 6.Nc3 d6 7.h3 0-0 8.Bd2 Re8 9.Qe2 Nd4 10.Nxd4 exd4 11.Na4 b6 12.b4 d5 13.0-0 dxc4 14.bxc5 c3 15.Bf4 Bd7 16.Nxc3 dxc3 17.cxb6 cxb6 18.Qe1 Nd5 19.Bd6 Bxh3 20.Bg3 Bd7 21.Qb1 Nf6 22.Qb4 Rc8 23.Rab1 Ng4 24.Rb3 Rc5 25.a4 a5 26.Qa3 Rh5 27.f3 Ne3 28.Rc1 Qg5 29.Qd6 Nxg2 30.Rbb1 Bh3 31.Qxb6 Qxg3 32.Rf1 Nf4+ 0-1

The Winners Annotate

Hilgendorf,Niccolo (1874) - Sage,Timothy (2205) [D35]

NH Open Nashua, NH (2), 2015-07-11

Annotated by Niccolo Hilgendorf

The following was a very instructive and hard fought game - probably my toughest of the tournament. It was a pity that time pressure set in for both sides just as the middlegame was reaching its climax, turning what had been a very thoughtful battle into a wild scramble.

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.e3

The idea here was to play cxd5 followed by Bd3, Nge2, and O-O, with the intention of breaking open the center with f3 and e4 at some point.

4...b6

I had never played against this line before (I had expected to see Bb4 or c5 immediately), so I was already in uncharted waters as far as my opening knowledge was concerned.

5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bd3 Bb7 7.Nf3

With Bg4 no longer an option for black, I deviated from my Nge2 ideas in favor of the more active Nf3.

7...Nbd7 8.0-0 Bd6

At this point both sides have played logically and neither one of us has any glaring weaknesses (although white's c1 bishop and black's d7 knight are not in great shape). I thought this was a critical juncture and I took 20 minutes in choosing my next move. 9.e4 I think I played this move in the right spirit of improving my dark square bishop and playing against black's uncastled king, but in retrospect I can see that this move is a little rushed and is probably asking for trouble. Engine analysis confirms that after 9. ...dxe4 10. Re1 O-O 11. Nxe4 Nxe4 12. Bxe4 Bxe4 13. Rxe4 h6 black is equal if not slightly better owing to white's awkward e4 rook and isolated d4 pawn.

9...dxe4 10.Re1 Bb4

A creative move that I hadn't considered. More accurate I think is 10...O-O which breaks the pin and gets the king to safety (11. Nxe4 Nxe4 12. Bxe4 Bxe4 13. Rxe4 h6 and black is completely fine.)

11.Ng5 0-0 12.Ngxe4 h6

I think black wanted to avoid the position after 12... Nxe4 13. Bxe4 Bxe4 14. Rxe4 where Nf6 is met with Bg5, which leads to some discomfort for black but nothing terrible. The downside of h6 is that it gives white time to get a3 in.

13.a3 Nxe4 14.axb4

On 14. Bxe4 black has 14... Bxc3 and after 15. bxc3 Bxe4 16. Rxe4 Re8 white can no longer claim an advantage (if 15. Bxb7 Bxe1 16. Bxa8 black has Bxf2+, picking up the pawn.)

14...Nd6 15.Qg4 f5

At this point time pressure was setting in for both sides. Also playable would have been Nf6 (15...Nf6 16. Qg3 Nh5 17. Qh3 Nf6 18. Bf4 Re8).

16.Qg3 Qf6 17.d5

Here I missed the much stronger Nb5,which puts massive pressure on black's position (for example, on 17. Nb5 Nxb5 18. Bxb5 Qxd4 19. Qxc7 and there are too many threats for black's position to hold).

17...a6 18.Re6 Qf7 19.Bxh6 Nf6 20.Rae1

Here I missed 20. Bg5 with the obvious threat of Bxf6, and on 20... Nxd5 white has 21. Nxd5 Bxd5 22. Re7, maintaining the advantage. Rae1 is too passive and gives black some much needed breathing room.

20...Rae8 21.Bf4

With both sides well under five minutes and still 18 moves to go before the time control, I wasn't able to calculate all the variations here and I retreated with my bishop. Bf4 is the right idea, but more accurate would have been to trade everything off on e8 first.

21...Nxd5 22.Rxe8 Rxe8 23.Rxe8+ Nxe8 24.Bc4 c6 25.Be5 … 1-0

White has a slight advantage here but nothing as substantial as before. At this point both players had seconds remaining on their clocks and notating the game was no longer possible. In the ensuing scramble black blundered and resigned, ending a very close game that deserved to continue well past the 40 move mark.

Kelly,Joseph (1988) - Welling,Aashish (2066)

NH Open 2015 Nashua, NH (4), 2015-07-12

Annotated by Aashish Welling

1.d4 e6 2.c4 b6

I wanted a Nimzo-Indian type of position, and decided to mess with the move order a bit to get less main-line positions.

3.Nc3

3. e4 was also possible to get a more interesting position, but 3. Nc3 is perfectly fine.

3...Bb7 4.Nf3 Bb4 5.Bg5 Nf6

We now arrive in a position that could have also arisen via the Nimzo-Indian Defense.

6.e3 Bxc3+

This wasn't really necessary, but I wanted to double white's pawns before he played Qc2.

7.bxc3 0-0 8.Bd3 d6

My plan is to play Nbd7 and e5.

9.0-0 Nbd7 10.Nd2 Re8

Further supporting e5.

11.Be4 Bxe4 12.Nxe4 h6

Forcing white to make a decision before I commit to anything.

13.Bh4 e5 14.Nxf6+ Nxf6 15.Qf3 g5

At this point, I thought that after 16. Bg3 e4 Qf5 Qd7 I could trade the queens off and go into an endgame with a good knight.

16.Bg3 e4 17.Qf5

...but I completely missed that after Qd7 my knight is hanging on f6.

17...Nh7

This was the best way I found to try and trade off the queens, which I have to do as soon as possible because my position looks very shaky after white opens the f-file. I went to h7 because the knight defends g5, which could be useful after f4. The computer suggests Qe7 instead.

18.f3

I was happy when I saw this move, because 18. f4 seemed much more threatening to me.

18...Qc8

Trying to trade off the queens.

19.fxe4

I wasn't expecting this at all. I thought that white would move the queen to avoid the queen trade.

19...Qxf5 20.Rxf5 Rxe4

I was happy with my position at this point, because my rooks can double on the e file and pressure the e3 pawn. Also, White's doubling on the f file did not worry me because I could just play f6.

21.Raf1 f6 22.Kf2

This move seemed awkward to me because the king obstructs white's pieces. Defending the e3 pawn by moving a rook to f3 seemed more natural to me, when 23 R1f3 g4 is met by Rf4 hitting the g4 pawn.

22...Rae8 23.Re1 Kg7

My plan is 24 ... Kg6 and then f5, when my position looks good.

24.Rd5 Kg6 25.c5 f5

The point is ...Nf6 traps white's rook, and I also could play ...f4 eventually.

26.cxd6

Essentially forced if white wants to avoid losing material.

26...Nf6 27.d7 Nxd5 28.dxe8Q+ Rxe8 29.c4 Nf6

Although I liked my position better than white here because my knight will be dominant on e4, I think that the position is drawn because making progress is too hard for both sides.

30.Be5

This was an oversight on white's part; it loses a pawn.

30...Ng4+ 31.Kf3 Nxe5+ 32.dxe5 Rxe5

Black is almost certainly winning at this point, white doesn't seem to have any compensation for the pawn, and white's pawn structure is also compromised.

33.Rd1 Rc5

Tying white down to the protection of the c4 pawn.

34.Rd4 Kf6

Bringing my king to either e5 or e6.

35.g4 fxg4+ 36.Kxg4 Kg6

I move my king back because now I can play h5 to kick white's king back. Otherwise, white can potentially get his king to h5.

37.Kg3 Kf5

Trying to advance my king and pawns.

38.h4 Re5

Allows me to get g4 in, which becomes an extremely strong passed pawn.

39.Kf3 g4+ 40.Kf2

If 40 Rxg4, then black can play Rxe3, trading off the rooks with a winning position.

40...h5 0-1 White resigned.

Ravn,William (1951) - Brand,Stijn (1947)

NH Open 2015 Nashua, NH (4), 2015-07-12

Annotated by Stijn Brand

This was the last round in the Under 1965 section of the NH Open. William had 3 points at this point and I had 2.5 points. A win would mean at least shared first place for me, whereas a draw or a loss would probably place me outside of the prizes. I was a bit nervous about this game, because about a month earlier we had played with the same colors and I had been soundly beaten by him.

1.d4 d6

A month ago he also opened with d4, so that was not a surprise. At the time I tried out the Queen's Indian and it did not go well, so I decided to try something different.

2.Nf3 c6 3.c4 Bg4

Going for an off-beat line.

4.e3

He is playing very solid moves here.

4...Nd7 5.h3 Bh5 6.Be2

My bishop on h5 looks a bit loose, but I thought it was ok for now.

6...e5

Staking a claim in the center.

7.dxe5 dxe5 8.Nxe5

And here I had a bit of a panic attack. Did I just drop a pawn on move 8, due to my unprotected bishop on h5?

8...Bxe2

Taking on e5 hands white the bishop pair, so I took on e2 instead. (8...Nxe5?! 9.Bxh5 Qxd1+ 10.Kxd1 Nxc4)

9.Qxd7+

Obviously taking with the queen on e2 costs a piece after 9.Qxe2?? Nxe5

9...Qxd7 10.Nxd7 Bxc4

Got my pawn back!

11.Ne5?!

Better is 11.Nxf8 Kxf8. I think that Ne5 was the first real inaccuracy. It gives me the bishop pair and it causes problems for the white king, since after my next move castling short is going to be difficult.

11...Ba6! 12.Nc3 Bd6

Developing with tempo.

13.Nf3 Nf6 14.Bd2

The white bishop is not doing much, especially compared to the black bishops.

14...0-0 15.0-0-0 Rfe8

Stopping e4 for now, which would liberate the white bishop.

16.Rhe1 Rad8?!

The d3 square is looking juicy, so I played my other rook to d8 to occupy that square in the near future. The immediate Bd3 is probably more accurate.

17.a3

The beginning of a dangerous plan for white. e4 was probably better here.

17...Bd3

Doing what I should have done on the previous move.

18.b4?

This walks into trouble as it gives me some good targets.

18...a5 19.Nb1

Covering the pawns, but now the e4 square is lost. (19.bxa5?? Bxa3# This is the problem. I can attack the pawns, because of a mate threat.)

19...Ne4

f2 is hanging.

20.Bc3

This loses the game, but it was getting hard to defend here.

20...Bxb1 21.Bb2

21.Kxb1 Nxc3+ 22.Kc1 Nxd1 23.Rxd1

21...Ba2

From here on it is a matter of trading everything off and not giving him any chances to come back into the game.

22.bxa5 Bd5 23.Nd4 Nxf2

Not allowing the pawns to start rolling forward to my king with f3.

24.Rd2 Ne4 25.Rdd1 Ra8

Coming in on the queenside now.

26.Nf5

Threatening some trouble on g7, but my next move covers it all.

26...Bf8 27.Rd4 Rxa5

27...g6 is also possible, but I did not feel like having to think about a somewhat weakened kingside and the knight maybe moving via h4 and f3 to g5, perhaps creating chances with the rooks along the f-file for white.

28.a4 Rc5+ 29.Kb1 Rc4

Going for exchanges.

30.Rd3

Which he avoids at the cost of a pawn.

30...Rxa4 31.Rf1 Bc4 32.Rd4 c5

My rook on a4 is loose, so instead of taking on f1 I had seen that c5 was strong.

33.Rxe4 Rxe4 34.Rf3 Bd3+

Going for more exchanges.

35.Kc1 Rec4+ 36.Kd2 Bxf5

This removes any hopes of tricks around my kingside.

37.Rxf5 0-1

Upcoming Events

November 7, 2015 - NORTH CONWAY FALL OPEN

4SS, G/50 d5, can split into two sections if enough players.

North Conway (NH) Chess Club, North Conway Lutheran Church basement, 15 Grove St., North Conway, NH 03860.

Rounds: 10, 12:30, 2:30, 4:30. EF: $5. Prizes - books, etc. Info: 603-323-7450 or sparkgap49@aol.com.

November 14, 2015 - 40th NEW HAMPSHIRE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

4SS, G/60 d5. Holiday Inn, 9 Northeastern Blvd. (exit 4 off Everett Tnpk/Rte. 3), Nashua, NH.

A Heritage Event, 3 Sections -

Championship: open to U2100 or Unr. EF: $34 if rec'd by 11/12, $39 at site.

$$G: $150-100-50; trophies to top 3, top 3 U1850.

Intermediate: open to U1750 or Unr. EF: $34 if rec'd by 11/12, $39 at site.

$$G: $120-60-40; trophies to top 3, top 3 U1500.

Novice, open to U1300 or Unr. EF: $29 ($24 to jrs. U21) if rec'd by 11/12, $34 at site ($29 jrs. U21).

Trophies to top 3, top 3 U1100, top Unr.

All, NHCA membership req'd of rated NH residents; dues $8 adult, $6 under 19. Reg.: 8:30-9:35am Sat. 11/14, Rds.: 10-1:00-3:30-6:00. Bye: All Rds., limit 1, must commit before Rd. 2. No half-point byes for players receiving full-point byes. Online advance entry available at www.nhchess.org until 11/13 6 PM. Ent: NHCA, c/o Hal Terrie, 377 Huse Rd. #23, Manchester, NH 03103. Info: halterrie@comcast.net or (603) 668-8368.

January 16-17, 2016 - PORTSMOUTH OPEN

Holiday Inn Portsmouth, 300 Woodbury Avenue, Portsmouth NH 03801

Grand Prix Points: 20 (Enhanced), 2 Sections: -

Open: 4SS, 40/90, SD/30 + 30 Sec. Increment. Analog clocks not allowed in this section. FIDE rated.

$$GTD: $550-300. U2250 $150, U2000 $150.

U1750: 4SS, 40/90, SD/30 + 30 Sec. Increment, Analog clocks play 40/90, SD/60, Open to 1749 & under.

$$GTD: $450-250. U1500 $100, U1250 $100.

ALL: EF: $55 in advance, $60 at site. Reg: Registration 9:00-9:45. Advance entries must be postmarked by 1/9/2016. Rds: 10-4, 10-4. Accelerated pairings may be used. ENT: Alex Relyea, 49 Technology Dr. #89, Bedford, NH 03110. INFO: Alex Relyea relyea@operamail.com. www.relyeachess.com. HR: $79 until 18 December, (603) 431-8000, mention Relyea Chess. JGP. NS W.

Tournament flyer with entry form: http://nhchess.org/downloads/Portsmouth-Open-Jan2016.pdf

Spot The Tactic Solutions

#1: 32.Qc3! Qxf4+ 33.Rxf4 Rxc3 34.Rxf6 Rxf3 (34...bxa2?? 35.Rf8 mate) 35.Rxf3 h6 36.Rh3 Kh7 37.axb3 axb3 38.Rgh5

#2: 37.Rg8+ Rxg8 38.Nf7+ Bxf7 39.Qxf6+ Rg7 40.Qxg7 mate

#3: 11.Nc6 Qc7 12.Nxe7 Kxe7 (12...Bb7 13.Ned5) 13.Nd5+ Nxd5 14.Qxd5 Rf8 (14...Rb8 15.Qxf7+ Kd8 16.Qxg7) 15.Qxa8 Nb6 16.Bxb6 Qxb6 17.Qd5 Bxb2 18.Rb1 +/=

Refutation: 14...Ne5 15.Qxa8 Nc6! The White queen is trapped, but the fireworks have just begun 16.e5 (16.0-0-0? Bb7 17.e5 Rxa8 18.exd6+ Kxd6 19.Rxd6 Kxd6 20.Bxf7 Ne5) 16...Bxe5 17.0-0-0 Bb7 18.Bg5+ Kd7 (18...f6? 19.Qxa8) 19.Rxd6+ Kxd6 (19...Bxd6? 20.Qxh8; 19...Qxd6? 20.Qxb7+) 20.Rd1+ Nd4 21.Qa7 f6 22.Bxf6 Bxf6 23.Rxd4+ Ke7 (23...Bxd4 24.Qxd4+ Ke7 25.Qg7+ Kd6 26.Qxh8) 24.Re4+ Kf8 25.Re6 and now Black can consolidate with either 25...Kg7 or 25...Qf4+ though in both cases the position remains a mess until the endgame arrives. Example lines: a) 25...Kg7 26.Bd5 Rb8 27.g3 Qxg3 28.Bxb7 Qc7 29.Rxf6 Kxf6 30.Qxa6+ Kg7 31.Be4 Rb6; b) 25...Qf4+ 26.Kb1 Rh7 27.Qc5+ (27.Rxf6+ Qxf6 28.Qb8+ Kg7 29.Qxb7+ Kh6) 27…Re7 28.Qb6 (28...Rxe6? 29.Qxe6 Be5 30.Qg8+ Ke7 31.Qh7+ Kd8 32.Qxb7) 28…Rf7 29.Re1 Qc7 30.Qe6 Kg7 31.Qxf7+ Qxf7 32.Bxf7 Kxf7

#4: 19.Bg5! Bxf2 20.Bxh4 Bxh4 21.hxg4 Bxe1 22.Kxe1 Rae8+ 23.Kf2

#5: 18...Bb7 19.Rce1 Bxd5

#6: 29.f4 and the bishop cannot be defended

#7: 9.Nxd5 cxd5 (9...Qd6 10.Qxe4+; 9...Qe6 10.Nc7+) 10.Qxc8+ Qd8 11.Qxb7 0-0 12.Bd3 (not 12.Qxa8?? Qa5+ 13.b4 Qxb4+ 14.Ke2 Qb2+ 15.Kf3 Qxf2+ 16.Kg4 f5+ 17.Kh5 g6+ 18.Kh6 Qxe3 mate!)

#8: 21.Qa3+ Nb4 22.Qxb4+ c5 23.Qxc5+ Qd6 24.Qxd6+ Kg8 25.Re8 mate!

#9: 20.h4 Qb8 (20...gxh4?? 21.Qg7+) 21.hxg5 Qxg3 22.Rxg3 fxg5 23.Nxg5 Bxg5 24.Rxg5

#10: 26.g6 hxg6 27.Ng5 Qf6 28.Qd5+ Kh8 29.Qxc6

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